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### PERMANENT COLORADO BUILDING AT ST. LOUIS.

Denver, Dec. 20.—Captain Thayer of the World's fair board received the following telegram today: "Ground and building committee has received a draft of ordinance prepared by mayor to cover location of permanent buildings in Forest park and reports no objection on the part of the committee. David H. Francis."

Some time negotiations have been pending with the city of St. Louis for the erection of a permanent building upon the Colorado site. The Colorado commissioners held that if a permanent building was erected the city of St. Louis would keep it in repair. The ordinance provided that the mayor has no objection to it and that there is no objection to it on the part of the city of St. Louis.

The World's fair board held a short session today during which the business was transacted, and adjourned until Saturday of next week. The magnitude of the St. Louis exposition will be much greater than the most of the people imagine. The following statement prepared by the board in charge of the exposition will give some idea as to what it will be.

"The St. Louis World's fair will be approximately twice as big as any former international exposition. The Centennial exposition at Philadelphia occupied 328 acres, the Pan-American exposition at Chicago 633, the Columbian exposition at Buffalo 350 acres and the St. Louis World's fair will cover 1,000.

"The construction costs of the Paris exposition were \$10,000,000, the Columbian exposition \$12,000,000, the Pan-American exposition cost \$10,000,000 and the estimated cost of the St. Louis World's fair will be \$40,000,000.

"Before the exposition gates are opened May 1, 1903, the city of St. Louis will have expended \$20,000,000. Of this amount \$5,000,000 was appropriated through the municipal assembly. Her citizens raised \$5,000,000 additionally by private subscription and by popular vote at a special election, October 22."

**REDUCTION COMPANY**—Among the articles of incorporation filed with the secretary of state today were papers for the Colorado Reduction Company at Cripple Creek. The company is incorporated for \$200,000. The incorporators are Fred J. Hutchinson of Boston, J. C. Bunch of Chicago, H. H. Fugener, F. J. Alexander and H. H. Fadden.

**LOST IN STORM**—A report from San Juan states that a Baptist church of that place, became lost during yesterday's storm and that up to noon today no news had been received from any of the church parties who were searching for him. He became lost while he was on a hunting trip.

**LAS ANIMAS RETURNS**—The state board of canvassers held a short session this afternoon and adjourned. It is thought that the corrected returns from Las Animas county will have been received by Monday when the board will complete its work.

**GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE**—Governor-elect Peabody has leased the residence of the late Chas. D. Whitcomb, which is located on the corner of Broadway and 14th street. The residence which has been chosen is one of the finest on Capitol hill.

**INVITATION TO PRESIDENT**—Mayor Wright today sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt: "Denver, Colo., Dec. 20, 1902. To Theodore Roosevelt, President, Washington, D. C. On behalf of the city of Denver I cordially invite you to visit this city when on your contemplated trip to the Pacific coast the coming summer."

**LIVELY SESSION OF CANVASSING BOARD**—Denver, Dec. 22.—The state canvassing board today refused to reconsider the vote whereby Aguilar, the Democratic representative of Las Animas county was seated, but no action was taken on the San Juan contest. In refusing to reconsider the Las Animas vote, Attorney-General Post voted with Orman and Chipley against reconsideration.

As the house now stands it will contain 32 Republicans, 31 Democrats and there is one in doubt, the doubt arising over the Whitcomb-Cooper contest. That contest is to be the battle royal before the board. The Democrats introduced the contest and both sides introduced affidavits to prove the correctness of their claims. The original abstracts of the two returns from the counties which were returned last week county clerks for the board today, they claim the same figures as the ones previously received but the wordings therein are changed to conform with the law.

The Democrats have prepared a long list of affidavits which were presented by Attorney O'Donnell and Bedford, while the Republicans were equally represented with affidavits presented by Attorney Hersey, B. W. Lockhart, county clerk, who is a Republican, and the board met today and the board will be allowed to testify tomorrow. The affidavits presented today are entirely opposite in their declarations of San Juan the vote in precinct number nine.

The most interesting affidavits presented were two which were signed by E. W. Hodges and S. E. Morse of Silverton, which declared that they overheard W. B. Watson from the statement that the returns from precinct nine were false and that was all they cared for. Watson was one of the members of the county canvassing board who voted to throw out the returns from this precinct.

When the board met today Attorney-General Post called up his motion of Friday last to reconsider the Las Animas county vote. The motion to reconsider and Post voting no, with the matter was taken up by the board during the remainder of the afternoon. Some discussion arose as to the further admission of testimony but after it was learned that both sides had affidavits and that Mrs. Lockhart, county clerk, was present and wished to testify orally, the board decided to admit the evidence. The returns as signed by the first and second clerks were opened and the two other then those as signed by the county clerk. Attorney Hersey objected to the opening of the second returns on the grounds that they were not the official returns. "No attention was paid to the abstracts of the returns," that in the one prepared

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by the county clerk, Cooper, the Republican, received 180 and Whitcomb, the Democrat, 478. In the one prepared by the other two members of the board, Whitcomb received 473 and Cooper 422, the difference arising because that in the latter one entire precinct was not fraud. The board of affidavits were given today to show the correctness of each report. Aside from the charges of fraud it was also charged that a number of the persons in this precinct book had legally registered, the poll book not showing that they were.

The first affidavit as to the effect that the returns from precinct number nine were not counted by the board but next day and that neither of the other members of the board were present when the insertion were made. The second affidavit of the two parties of peace stated that they refused to count the votes of precinct number nine on election night. A third affidavit declared that not more than 10 of the 200 persons registered were duly counted. Other affidavits stated that Mrs. Lockhart refused to show the persons which she had in her office during the election. Mr. Hersey introduced affidavits to prove that no person voted in precinct number nine who was not registered and that the election was strictly legal and that there were any who were not counted for it was a clerical error. He introduced numerous affidavits from the citizens of that precinct number nine and other precincts of the county to the effect that they knew the persons who voted and those who lived in the same precinct stated if they had known they were not counted for they would have counted them. Mr. Hersey also introduced affidavits to show that the people voted correctly. Other affidavits were to the effect that no person voted or offered to vote that was not a legal voter. He also introduced affidavits of E. W. Hodges and S. E. Morse as mentioned above. Mr. Hersey also produced original papers which the affidavits of the Democrats stated that they would not produce at her office. The affidavits of the Democrats stated that they would not produce at her office. The affidavits of the Democrats stated that they would not produce at her office.

**BOARD WANTING FOR SAN JUAN RETURNS.**—Denver, Colo., Dec. 19.—The state canvassing board held a short session today and adjourned without doing any business. The board is awaiting the return of the corrected abstracts of San Juan county. Attorney-General Post emphatically denies the rumor that it has been told him that his son George is a Republican. He stated that his son is a Democrat and that he is a member of the board with the view of doing justice to both parties.

**IMMENSE SHIPMENT**—The largest freight consignment which was ever shipped to Denver at one time will begin arriving next week. It will consist of between 600 and 1,000 carloads of heavy machinery and other articles of steel goods. The consignment is being shipped by the American Steel and Wire company of New Jersey into Denver because of the low freight rates now prevailing. The goods will be 22 cents per 100 pounds and after the first of the year it will be 72 cents per 100 pounds. By making this shipment at this time the company saves \$200,000. The consignment is being shipped to the corner of Twenty-fourth and Blake streets, where the goods will be stored. The western territory will be supplied from this city. It will take 21 trains to bring the consignment from New Jersey to Denver. The value of the shipment will far exceed \$1,000,000.

**APPEALED CASE**—The Iron Silver Mining company this morning appealed its case from the Arapahoe county circuit court to the supreme court. The case is to compel Secretary of State Mills to accept a renewal of the company's charter. Mills contends that the charter expired in 1901 and that the company is not entitled to a renewal. The Arapahoe district court sustained Mills and the case was appealed today. The company was organized in 1880. The limitation law of the state does not apply to it because it is a foreign corporation.

**EARLY BLIZZARD**—A late report from Buena Vista, Colo., says: "A blizzard is raging at the Alpine tunnel today and traffic on the Gunnison branch of the Colorado & Southern railroad is at a standstill. Train No. 93, a passenger train, was held up for 24 hours by the snow. The snow is about two feet deep on the level in the valley. Zero weather prevails."

**GALLUP WILL CONTEST**—The hearing of the contest over the will of Eliza Gallup, opened before Judge Johnson this morning. The contestants are Ida Church Foster, Mary Church Culbertson, Frank Church, Lizzie Blossom Stewart and Eddie Blossom. The beneficiaries under the will are Sarah Ann Curtis and C. C. Curtis. Mrs. Gallup died about a year ago leaving an estate of \$100,000. She named the two contestants as the sole heirs. The contestants are grand-nephews and grand-nieces. They reside in New York and Ohio.

**SURRENDERED**—A report to the Times from Las Animas says: "Cherokee Bill Smith, leader of the gang of outlaws who held up the postoffice at Carlton in Prowers county several weeks ago, has surrendered to the sheriff and is being held in the county jail. He had been hiding near there for the past week. He will be taken to Lamar immediately."

**SHOOTING AT COMO**—A fatal shooting affray occurred at Como at 1:15 this morning. George Richard Lechner shot and instantly killed William Hayden. The latter is known as "Bully" Hayden. He was attending a dance and a quarrel was started because Hayden did not offer a chair which he was occupying to the young lady friend of Lechner. This brought on a dispute which later led to blows and Lechner was whipped. He left the hall and in a few minutes returned with a Winchester rifle and began shooting at Hayden. All four shots took effect and Hayden fell dead. Lechner gave himself up. The shooting caused great excitement at Como. Both men were well known.

**DIED FROM INJURIES**—Robert Plynon of Farmington, was run over by a heavy freight wagon last night and received injuries from which he died a few hours later. He was thrown from the driver's seat while crossing a bridge. He was 17 years old.

**FOR SPEAKER**—Charles E. Stubbs is out for the position of speaker of the next house of representatives providing the Democrats secure a majority of that body. It is stated that Mr. Stubbs was decided upon for speaker at the caucus which was held in Denver two weeks ago, but the matter was not made public.

**BOARD ONCE MORE POSTPONES DECISION**—Denver, Dec. 23.—The state canvassing board held its entire session today to the hearing of affidavits and arguments of local counsel in the San Juan county case and when night came adjourned without having settled the matter. Members of the board announced, however, that it is thought the case will be settled

tomorrow and the certificates of election will be issued.

At the opening of the board this morning Mrs. Lockhart, county clerk of San Juan county, presented an affidavit stating why she sent to the canvassing board the returns signed by herself and not by the remaining members of the canvassing board. She stated that on the night of the election the two Democratic members of the board refused to count the returns and she signed the returns and she refused to sign the election returns when precinct number nine was not included. She stated that she told them they would compile an abstract of the votes, but they refused to do so. She stated that she did the next day. She also stated that the board did not adjourn since the election night as had been claimed by the Democrats. She stated that the board has never adjourned since she told of making her report the next day and of sending it to the state canvassing board.

Afternoon she appeared before the board with the book showing the abstract of votes of the entire county and had to go over the vote precinct by precinct. She proved to be an admirable legal questioner and asked questions to find the results of any precinct or the answer of any question asked. During the time that she was on the stand she was perfectly composed and as attorneys asked questions she answered them with the most perfect composure. After the arguments were completed an adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

**TELLERS POOR**—The county clerk of Teller county filed poor report of that county with the secretary of state today. The report shows the following expenses: Poor, \$1,000; various expenses, \$5,000; county hospital expenses, \$1,115.37; seven Kewey cases, \$27. Total, \$11,142.37.

**READING CLERK**—Leon J. Smith, who last Saturday secured his connection from the House of Representatives, today announced himself as a candidate for reading clerk of the senate. Mr. Smith occupied this position during the regular and extra sessions of the thirteenth assembly.

**TO ABOLISH OFFICES**—An order by General Manager Schickels of the Colorado Midland announces that the freight and passenger agency of that road at Grand Junction, Colo., will be closed January 1. The office has been in charge of General Agent Peck. The business hereafter will be handled by the D. and R. G. The abolishment of this office follows that of the agency at Aspen, Colo., which was done for reasons of economy. The Midland is owned jointly by the Denver and Rio Grande and the Colorado and Southern. Other offices, it is said, from the Junction west will be closed. From New Castle, both the Rio Grande and Midland use the tracks of the Junction railway, a separate corporation, but used by both roads.

**GAME LAW**—In a decision this afternoon Justice of the Peace Hynes declared that the Colorado game law is unconstitutional. The decision was made in the case of C. A. Ardel vs. George C. Bush. Bush confiscated portions of a deer sent to Denver to be mounted and Attorney Burdick raised the point that the confiscation was in conflict with that clause of the constitution which provides that no property shall be taken without due process of law. Justice Hynes sustained this point.

**YALE ALUMNI**—Prof. William L. Phelps of Yale university delivered the annual address before the Yale Alumni of Denver at their banquet at the University Club tonight. The banquet was attended by about 100 alumni of the university. Prof. Phelps will spend Christmas at the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Shove of Colorado Springs, and will visit Cripple Creek on Friday. In speaking of the university, Prof. Phelps is breaking away from a policy of conservatism and the step in that direction has, during the last year, been more marked than ever. The election of Rev. Dr. C. J. Johnson as president of the Yale university is the most marked step ever taken in the direction of a broader policy. The old established rule that the clerical members of the board should not be connected with the university has been broken by the election of Dr. Johnson. As a result of this a large number of the alumni have protested, but I believe that it is a splendid thing. Another marked advance in the direction of broadening the connection with the Sheffield Scientific school. The bicentennial buildings are nearing completion and form practically a link between the buildings of the academic and scientific departments of the university. The extent of its buildings, soon surpass any other American university. Yale and Harvard will renew their athletic agreement despite reports to the contrary. Commencement exercises will be held at the Yale and Harvard met at Oxford and Cambridge at London in the third of a series of athletic games."

**INAUGURATION**—The inauguration of Governor-elect Peabody on January 13 will eclipse any other inauguration ever held in the state. There will be a two days program, during which jollification will be the order. The inauguration, receptions and balls will follow so close together as to make it one continuous performance. The complete program has not been decided upon nor the hours fixed, but the event will be a grand one. The principal jollification meeting will be held on the night of January 12 and will be addressed by Governor Peabody and many other prominent men. A grand ball on January 13 will be composed of the Republican clubs of Denver and the state. Canon City, Governor Peabody's home, will send an entire delegation to the inaugural ceremony.

**MILLER'S ASSISTANTS**—A report from Durango states that Attorney General Miller has announced the appointment of J. L. Phillips as his second assistant in his office and also that of Miss Anna Ramsay as stenographer. Mr. Phillips is a well-known attorney of that section of the state and has been a member of the Republican party since 1880. Miss Ramsay is a graduate of the Durango High school and of the State university at Boulder.

**LOST BIG ROLL**—Fred Whitner lost \$2,000 on the streets of Denver yesterday. He was carrying the money in his pocket and was going to a real estate office to pay for a house which he had bought. He arrived at the office and found that the money was missing from his pocket. He has the opinion that in pulling something out from his pocket the roll of money dropped to the street.

**GIFT TO THE POOR**—The Charitable organization of this city yesterday received a check for \$1,000 signed by L. C. Phipps. The money to be used as a Christmas gift to the poor of this city. Phipps is one of the wealthiest men in the city.

**ATTEMPTED SAFE BREAKING**—An attempt was made to blow open the safe of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing company at Tenth and Wazee streets last night, but the attempt failed. Nitroglycerin was used but the robbers did not succeed in blowing the door of the safe completely open. There is no doubt that the robbers are becoming quite frequent of late.

**SALOON HELD UP**—Two hold-ups entered the saloon of J. W. Rummel, 225 North 1st street, last night. The hold-ups compelled three men who were in there to open the door for the people in the case against the Denver Gas and Electric company appeared before the supreme court this morning and made application for a writ of prohibition to restrain the court of Fremont county from enforcing or attempting to enforce any of the decrees or orders of the court until further orders of the supreme court. They also asked that until hearing the court shall annul and set aside each of the orders and judgments complained of and shall order the lower court to sustain each of the motions for change of venue and place of trial. This is the case in which the municipal league of this city is attempting to prevent the raising of rate by the Denver Gas and Electric company. The case has been on in the Fremont county courts.

## CRIPPLE CREEK

### ADDED TEACHERS OF THE DISTRICT.

Cripple Creek, Dec. 19.—President Slocum of Colorado college spent the day in the district as the guest of Mr. Shafer, superintendent of schools. The professor addressed the teachers of the different schools in the assembly room of the High school building in Victor this afternoon, making quite a forcible talk to the teachers about their duty to the children, schools and their superiors. About 120 of the teachers attended this address, after which the professor entertained a number of them at a dinner at the Hotel Victor. This evening the speaker to the different mothers clubs of this city in the High school building taking as his subjects "Mothers' Work in Schools of Great Britain" and "Co-operation Between Mothers and Teachers." President Slocum told how the schools of Great Britain are conducted, laying particular stress on the schools in the slums of London and what a help the mothers meetings had been in those quarters. He told of his travels in Europe, saying that at nearly every point he had visited he looked into the question of what the mothers were doing in regard to the schools and children. His lecture was appreciated by the large crowds present at both of the meetings and as many of the people were leaving said, it was just what was wanted in this city and district very much, a closer relation between mothers and teachers.

**BOYS ARRESTED**—Two boys aged about 14 years, who gave their names as Charles Nichols and James Monahan were arrested by Sheriff Robertson and temporarily lodged in the city jail. They are charged with the theft of a rifle. Several other boys were learned. Young Monahan gave a disclaimer and says he only went on a hunt with Nichols, not knowing that the rifle carried was stolen. They were arrested near the city dam which is some seven or eight miles from this city.

**ELECTED OFFICERS**—Cripple Creek No. 5, United Moderns, held their annual election last night, with the following result: Chancellor, R. L. Miller; regent, C. W. Knox; recording secretary, Mrs. J. M. Jones; orator, Mrs. Carrie Horn; trustees, E. D. Minor, Wm. Harris and W. G. Walley.

**CORONER'S BONDS**—Jas. Doran, the newly appointed county coroner, who succeeds L. G. Caldwell, filed with the county clerk and recorder, bonds in the amount of \$2,000. His sureties are J. B. Cunningham, W. J. Connelly and E. H. Newlan, all of Victor.

**BROTHER DEAD**—Mrs. J. P. Polley, of this city, yesterday received a telegram notifying her of the death of her brother at Buffalo, N. Y. Deceased was the first assistant to General Passenger Agent Kelley of the Wabash railroad. Mrs. Polley immediately left for New York to attend the funeral.

**SHERIFF'S SALE**—Benjamin W. Coleman, public trustee, disposed of a part of the Quito property at sheriff's sale yesterday. The sale was made to satisfy certain claims against the company.

**SECURED JUDGMENT**—In the district court today A. E. Carlton secured a judgment against Fred G. Grube for the sum of \$15,079.50; defendant failing to appear. Judgment was given by default. Mr. Carlton represented the Colorado Trading & Transfer company, claiming this sum to be due from Mr. Grube for a five-eighths interest in the Keith-Grube Transfer company, also for wages and merchandise furnished them.

**DIVORCES**—Divorces were granted today to Mrs. H. D. Hurlburt from E. M. Hurlburt and Mrs. E. Rogers from S. P. Rogers, both on the charge of desertion.

**SHERIFF ROBERTSON AND THE GLEASON CASE**—Cripple Creek, Dec. 21.—The report sent out from Denver last Friday to the effect that a certain woman residing at Bull hill was an eye witness to the murder of Martin Gleason and had made an affidavit that she saw the tragedy, has caused considerable talk in the district the last day or two. The report also had it that Sheriff Robertson of this county was in possession of the confession made by James Robertson now serving a term in the Wyoming penitentiary.

When Sheriff Robertson said, "I know something about the murder, and perhaps a great deal, but I am not making any arrests and spilling everything. I have been working hard on this case and have evidence that will surprise many people when it is sprung. It was not one man nor two who killed Gleason. I will say that much, but things will develop in a very short time as at the present time there is only one thing missing and I expect that any day now. When I do make arrests I will not arrest one innocent person and there will be plenty of evidence to convict the ones whom I charge with the murder."

"Is a prominent Cripple Creek man connected with the murder?" replied the sheriff.

"Do any of the parties whom you have under suspicion live in this district?" He replied, "Well perhaps they do."

Continued the sheriff, "If those detectives knew so much about the case, why did they not arrest the murderers and get the reward? They are doing a whole lot of talking and it is a mystery where they have secured their information."

"I have information as to a night in getting this information and I intend to keep it to myself until the proper time, as I am after a conviction of the murderers, so can't do much talking on the case." When asked what he

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**STRUCK BY A TRAIN**—J. A. Nuckles, an old prospector about 40 years of age and single, was crossing the track about 8:20 this afternoon in front of a freight train that at the time was backing up near the city. Just as he had reached the far side of the track his right foot slipped backward, throwing him to the ground. The car wheels passed over his heel smashing it frightfully and also breaking his leg in two places. The ambulance was immediately called and conveyed the injured man to the Sisters' hospital, where, after an examination, it was believed by the attending physicians that the leg would have to be amputated. Nuckles has resided in this city for some time, but nothing is known of any of his relatives.

**MAY GO TO PUEBLO**—It is rumored that H. E. Woods of the Woods Investment Co. will move to Pueblo in the near future. Yesterday one of the local transfer companies hauled several loads of office furniture and a piano for Mr. Woods, which was destined for Pueblo.

**FUNERAL**—The remains of J. W. Holt arrived yesterday from Pueblo and were viewed by many during the day and evening at the Thompson undertaking rooms. Today at 2 p. m. the funeral occurred, services being held at the Baptist church by the Rev. J. H. Franklin. Interment was made at Mt. Pisgah cemetery.

**BURIED AT MT. PISGAH**—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Connelly who died at the family residence, 442 West Eaton avenue yesterday, was buried this afternoon from the undertaking rooms of Bell & Gesell. Interment was made at Mt. Pisgah cemetery.

**FISCAL YEAR**—Gustav Krause, the expert accountant, was in conference with the mayor and a number of the aldermen today and urged that the beginning of the fiscal year for the city be changed from April 2 to January 1. No action was taken but a meeting of all the aldermen together with the clerk and treasurer will be held sometime this week and further consideration given to the matter.

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN PUEBLO**—Pueblo, Dec. 22.—Mayor Brown, at the council meeting tonight announced that he had removed City Velving Master Geo. Smith and had appointed in his stead J. A. McConnell. The vote on the confirmation of the new appointee was a tie, four voting each way, but the clerk called the mayor's name and he voted on the affirmative. A resolution was introduced by President Flannery of the council providing for the removal from office of J. C. Hunter, the consulting engineer on the ground that the city did not need his services which cost \$200 per month. The resolution was defeated on a vote of 5 to 3. Alderman Vance voting against it on the ground that the city would soon need Mr. Hunter's services in the construction of stone sewers.

**SLASHED WITH RAZOR**—Last night Sanders Brown, a porter at the C. & F. office building was dangerously cut and had to be taken to Washington Jones, a drug store porter of Bessemer. The cutting took place at the home of Henry Walker on Box Elder street. Brown's head is almost slashed to pieces and he is in a very dangerous condition. Disparaging remarks said to have been made by Jones about Brown's wife. The woman told her husband of the stories and he went after Brown and found him in the act of shaving himself with a razor. Jones struck Brown and he turned and used his razor on his assailant. The injured man is likely to die.

**PURSUED A BUGGLAR**—A burglar tried to escape from the house of M. M. Fridy on Plum street at an early hour this morning. The man of the house took a shot at the intruder and then followed him nine blocks down town, but finally lost sight of him.

**EXPECTS ACQUITTAL**—W. H. Bailey, who shot and killed Wilson in a duel at Bessemer a few months ago and who is to be tried on the charge of murder and dueling, on January 5, visited his home in Bessemer today and looked over the scenes of the crime in company with the deputy sheriff. He seemed quite cheerful and hopeful of being discharged.

**SENT FOR BROTHER**—Joseph S. Whitfield, who was arrested in New York city several months ago on a charge of being drunk but who was in fact in an epileptic fit, is a brother of Mrs. Joseph Harris of Pueblo. The lady states that prior to the panic of 1899 her brother was one of the largest importers and dressers in the United States. She has just sent word to the chief of police of New York requesting him to send her brother here.

**LONG RUN**—Engineer J. C. Howard and Fireman L. L. Morner of Rio Grande engine No. 599, have just returned from the south having been constantly at work on their engine for 36 hours. Both men were very tired for sleep and will take a 12-hour lay-off.

**TRAINMEN ORGANIZED**—Thirty-five trainmen of the Santa Fe met last night and organized what is known as Smelter City Lodge Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Officers elected are C. S. Korporal, master, J. D. Evans, vice master, S. E. Flory, secretary, W. H. Jones, and C. Scott of Denver installed the lodge.

**NUISANCE SUPPRESSED**—Some time ago a den of thieves in the Pueblo department of the city was the object of saloons being allowed to run at the suburb called Salt Creek, on the road to Riverview cemetery. Tonight the city council by unanimous vote, ordered them all closed up.

**TALKED TOO MUCH**—Edward Hudson, a negro who was a witness for

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**SLASHED WITH RAZOR**—Last night Sanders Brown, a porter at the C. & F. office building was dangerously cut and had to be taken to Washington Jones, a drug store porter of Bessemer. The cutting took place at the home of Henry Walker on Box Elder street. Brown's head is almost slashed to pieces and he is in a very dangerous condition. Disparaging remarks said to have been made by Jones about Brown's wife. The woman told her husband of the stories and he went after Brown and found him in the act of shaving himself with a razor. Jones struck Brown and he turned and used his razor on his assailant. The injured man is likely to die.

**PURSUED A BUGGLAR**—A burglar tried to escape from the house of M. M. Fridy on Plum street at an early hour this morning. The man of the house took a shot at the intruder and then followed him nine blocks down town, but finally lost sight of him.

**EXPECTS ACQUITTAL**—W. H. Bailey, who shot and killed Wilson in a duel at Bessemer a few months ago and who is to be tried on the charge of murder and dueling, on January 5, visited his home in Bessemer today and looked over the scenes of the crime in company with the deputy sheriff. He seemed quite cheerful and hopeful of being discharged.

**SENT FOR BROTHER**—Joseph S. Whitfield, who was arrested in New York city several months ago on a charge of being drunk but who was in fact in an epileptic fit, is a brother of Mrs. Joseph Harris of Pueblo. The lady states that prior to the panic of 1899 her brother was one of the largest importers and dressers in the United States. She has just sent word to the chief of police of New York requesting him to send her brother here.

**LONG RUN**—Engineer J. C. Howard and Fireman L. L. Morner of Rio Grande engine No. 599, have just returned from the south having been constantly at work on their engine for 36 hours. Both men were very tired for sleep and will take a 12-hour lay-off.

**TRAINMEN ORGANIZED**—Thirty-five trainmen of the Santa Fe met last night and organized what is known as Smelter City Lodge Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Officers elected are C. S. Korporal, master, J. D. Evans, vice master, S. E. Flory, secretary, W. H. Jones, and C. Scott of Denver installed the lodge.

**NUISANCE SUPPRESSED**—Some time ago a den of thieves in the Pueblo department of the city was the object of saloons being allowed to run at the suburb called Salt Creek, on the road to Riverview cemetery. Tonight the city council by unanimous vote, ordered them all closed up.



# ALL THE NEWS FROM THE WORLD

## LOCAL

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Antonio di Giacomo has filed suit in the district court against the Ajax Brick and Tile company for \$20,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by the closing of a clay bank.

School board formally accepted improvements on the Columbia school building.

It is reported that L. H. Harding is to be the successor of Grant Pauley as city ticket agent of the Colorado Midland.

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Motion for a new trial in the case of Edward Gleason vs. the Colorado Springs Rapid Transit company was filed in the district court yesterday.

General meeting of the Woman's club will be held this afternoon.

Another Mr. Rosa company suit was filed yesterday in the United States district court in Denver.

First annual ball of the Gentlemen's Driving club was held at the Antlers last night.

Science Tourist agency has decided to enter the Colorado field next season and it is believed that they will augment the already large summer tourist travel.

Mass meeting of the citizens of Fountain and the farmers of the Fountain valley will be held at Fountain tonight to discuss the question of an irrigation reservoir.

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Plant of the Manitou Electric company is being dismantled and removed to Denver.

According to a report emanating from Oshkosh, L. Harry Stratton of this city is to be married on Wednesday to Miss Josephine Larrabee of Oshkosh.

Arthur C. Dutcher of this city has been selected by Governor-elect Peabody as warden of the state reformatory at Buena Vista.

Concert is to be given on Christmas night at the Union Printers home.

Oliver Bainbridge, M. A., Oxford, arrived in the city yesterday, his specialty is seeing the world on foot.

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Fourth general meeting of the Woman's club yesterday afternoon was a most successful musical; plans for children's day next Saturday were announced.

Finance committee of the city council has completed an investigation of the affairs of the city treasurer's office and it is understood that their report will be favorable; misunderstanding appears to have arisen concerning Mr. Harris' connection with the investigation.

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Actions of youths on street corners may lead to the formation of a hickory club for the suppression of such conduct.

Word has been received of the marriage of Dr. Francis P. Adams and Miss Elizabeth Taylor, both of Peyton, Colorado.

Road Island is now entirely free from the trouble caused by the recent severe storm in the eastern part of the state.

Associated Charities has hung up its stockings and hopes to be remembered on Christmas.

Due to misunderstanding in regard to the time for mass meeting at Fountain to discuss the reservoir question, the meeting was postponed until sometime during the present week.

William Arkley, mining editor of the Cripple Creek Times, was in the city yesterday; he states that from a mining standpoint the district never looked better, fully 20 new ore bodies having been opened up during the course of the year.

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Pulse alarm of fire in the National Bank building called the fire department to the corner of Pike's Peak avenue and Tejon street during the height of the crush on the streets yesterday afternoon.

Controversy between Slim Jim and Caidonia companies is to be settled by compromise.

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Business at the express offices is reported to be larger than ever before known.

A number of the pupils at the Deaf and Blind Institute will leave for their homes today; there will spend the vacation at the school in the mountains.

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Report of finance committee shows city treasurer's account to be absolutely correct and is accompanied by a report made by the bonding company which highly compliments the treasurer's methods.

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## STATE

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Motion to reconsider the Las Animas county contest, was introduced at the meeting of the state board of canvassers yesterday and will be pending when adjournment was taken.

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A special dispatch from St. Petersburg says that 1,000 people were killed by the earthquake December 18 at Andkian, Russian Central Asia. They were mostly natives.

A number of army officers in Peru propose calling the names to the president of Venezuela but there was no action in the case of the situation becoming more complicated.

Lord Currie of Hawley, British ambassador to Italy, has resigned.

The report that Don Carlos proposes to abdicate his claim to the Spanish throne in favor of his son, Don Jaime, is now declared to be untrue.

President Palma sent the Cuban-American treaty to the senate with a message recommending that early action on it be taken.

Three more distinct earthquake shocks have been felt at San Jose, Costa Rica, dispatches from Cartago, 20 miles from there, say subterranean rumblings have been heard at that point.

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The Russian officials at Port Arthur entertained Lieutenant General Miles on his arrival here and are now sending him to Taku on board a cruiser.

The notes of Germany and Great Britain formally inviting President Roosevelt to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan dispute were handed to the United States ambassador here and to the United States charge in London yesterday.

The crown princess of Saxony has mysteriously disappeared, and the police of Dresden are now searching for her in the last ten days.

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In a dispatch from Tangier dated December 21, the sultan's troops have entered Taza and that the pretender has fled to the Ghazira hills.

General Nord, the newly elected president of the Hattin republic, took an oath to support the constitution yesterday. Tranquility reigns throughout the republic.

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Gold Standard









"ANGELS GREET THE NEW BORN CHRIST."

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Light are the hearts in Christmas Land. In each group you meet There are faces sweet. Bosoms young and guileless are there— And brows not yet wrinkled with care— Who has the key of Christmas Land?

Dear baby hearts in Christmas Land, We want to hear When the tree with its strange fruit bends, And you wait for what Santa sends— Who has the key of Christmas Land?

Love has the key of Christmas Land. Oh, come, Cherub Love, With wings like the dove, Spread over hearts thy light of peace, Bow for a harvest full of increase, Open the gates of Christmas Land!

Open the gates of Christmas Land; There is much to do, And the days are few. Did all men set Charity free? 'Tis thy grace, let us see their lie. None of God's poor in Christmas Land! —Methodist.

LITTLE did M. F. Wolf dream of the good he had done when, in the Christmas Ladies' Home Journal of 1896, he placed the now famous "empty stockings" illustrations. Those empty stockings appealed to everybody who saw them and the empty stocking clubs sprang up like mushrooms in the most unexpected places and at the unexpected times.

Then the Sunshine movement was started by that grand woman, Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, and she advocated that special form of "Christmas cheer" that she gave by the "Empty Stocking" club. It is reported that last year the Sunshine society, through its hundreds of branches, filled 20,000 empty stockings. The indications are that even more will be done in that direction this year. Donations are solicited by them. The donations can be sent to the International Sunshine society's headquarters, 96 Fifth avenue. But, we have need of sunshine work right here in Colorado Springs. There's the Day nursery needing all the assistance a generous public will bestow. There's the poor little folks out at the coal mines north of the city. Some of the members of the Woman's club have become immensely interested in the latter and are planning to send them a box of useful Christmas gifts. Mrs. Morrison of the home and educational department will readily receive any donations, at her residence, 1402 North Weber street.

The people at the mines are largely foreigners. They make much of Christmas when in prosperity. It is pitiful to read of the attempts of the exiles from home to celebrate. A mining nurse in the metropolis tells this pathetic story of one sight, only one, of the many that she could relate:

"A broken down chair, a table, one old straw tick where the children slept crosswise, and a bed where the mother lay, comprised all the furniture in the room. Everything else had gone to the pawnshop. In the hard times since they had carried the father to a Gott's Aker in a strange land, and the mother had fallen sick. Yet even here the Christmas message found expression, and Heinrich was interpreting it as best he could.

"The tree was not much to look at. In reality it was an old feather duster that he had been fortunate enough to find in an alley. But it was the symbol of Christmas to his little German heart. A rathole stuffed with paper made a very good standard for it,

and though only stumps of feathers were left they served well enough to hold the decorations, which he had bought with a shiny nickel that some one had given him for holding his horse that morning. He had had only a cracker for breakfast, and the temptation came to him strongly to buy a good meal with his five cents. But what would Christmas be without a tree? His mother was sick. Well, he was seven years old, big enough surely to get the tree himself. The temptation passed, and before him in the feather duster hung the results of his investment. One cent had gone for two glimmering cookies, which cut into thirds, and he had a good effect at the end of their strings from six different parts of the tree. There were only five in the family, but he and his mother had decided to ask Hans to come, too. He lived two flights down, and his mother beat him when she was drunk, and she was drunk now, and that was much worse than having her sick, Heinrich thought. Two rosy apples, one on each side, which had cost a penny each, were to be divided later. The little tangle of silver tinsel, draped from feather to feather, that made it look like a real tree, had eaten up a cent more, and the red candle at the top had taken his last penny, but it gave dignity and significance to the whole feather duster.

While the nurse was making the poor sick mother comfortable, bit by bit she heard the story. Then she sent the boy away on an errand. "She was very busy near the feather duster for a few minutes, and when she went out she had fewer bundles, and was smiling to think how surprised Heinrich would be to find a cap for himself on his own Christmas tree and a gift for each of the family, and Hans, too, and underneath the tree a real Christmas turkey, cooked and ready to eat, for them all. She felt that she had re-established faith in Santa Claus in one household at least."

"Oh, mothers in homes that are happy Where Christmas comes laden with Where the children are dreaming already Of the merriest day in the year."

"As you gather your darlings around you, Remember the homes that are dreary, Remember the hearts that are cold."

And thank the love that has bestowed you, With all that is dearest and best, Give freely, that from your abundance Some bare little life may be blessed:

"Oh, go where the stockings hang empty, Where Christmas is naught but a name, And give—for the love of the Christ— 'Twas to seek such as these that he came."

Are people growing better, more self-sacrificing, more unselfish? It would seem, so far, now, while the celebration of Christmas is as a family affair a time for the gathering together of clans, all the families are larger—for there is more and more of the altruistic spirit abroad, there are "Sunshiners" everywhere.

Some to me there never were so many obliging people about, people who are not only willing, but very anxious to be instrumental in driving away the cold and gloom of others' adversity. And how little effort is required to replace the cold and gloom with warmth and light!

Our readers will agree with me that to some of us Christmas is, if we will allow it to be, the very saddest of all days—ghosts of "the days that are no more" stalk about us, despite our best endeavors to have it otherwise. Gone soon is the hospitable welcome in the home of the friend whose cozy room has held for an all too brief period of time "The fellowship of kindred minds, like to that of heaven above." Yet, there are still other lonely hearts to cherish. "While the days are going by," To each and all in divers places op-

portunity comes in its own way and measure. True, indeed. "The world is full of a number of things, That we should all be as happy as kings."

But, here's the rub—to think to do for others at the right time, do things that help us to be "happy as kings." In a little story I read lately, the author has put into the mouth of a boy usually accounted as "lacking," this bit of philosophy. Someone asks, "I wonder if anybody in the church gave the pastor and his family anything?" Joel replies, "Guess nobody thought about it. Guess it's not thinkin' or things at the right time that keeps lots of folks from bein' as happy as they might be."

A sentiment that is worthy of profound blessing. Is it not true that want of thoughtfulness is responsible for at least as much unhappiness as is intentional maliciousness?

"Welcome, December, old king, clad in ermine, Welcome, December," the children all sing. "Welcome your romping, your coasting, your skating! Glad are our hearts when your gay bells ring. But most of all do we thank thee, December, For old St. Nicholas, whom thou dost bring!"

May Christmas be given a royal welcome in every home; of all the holidays it is the most beautiful. Anxiety and hard work have had part in the history of the past year, no doubt, but it should not prevent us from making Christmas a time of gladness. Even if you have not much money to spend, with time and security, willing hands and hearts can devise that which will make a real merry Christmas.

The mother who does not joy in the desire to make her children happy has an icy heart, indeed. Christmas is pre-eminently the children's day, and without their delight and joy over the gifts they receive the day loses its chief charm. But children should be assisted in planning little surprises for others and early taste the sweetness of the "merry" and the "kindness" of the children take such keen and genuine happiness, too, in preparing the decorations; they should be allowed to wind the evergreen wreaths and tack up the bunches of crisp foliage here and there that give to the home a holiday air. If it is only a bough stuck in a jug, it is, or at least it represents a Christmas tree; every child loves a Christmas tree. Encourage the children to manufacture the trimmings for the tree. It is such fun for them and pleases so much better than to surprise them with a ready-made one. They can string popcorns and cranberries and pick up the bits of cotton that can do service as snowflakes. Paper flowers, too, are pretty and not so difficult to make. Tinsel and gift paper stars and crepe stars contrast favorably with the dark green of the tree. Sometimes an evergreen tree may be out of the question, but a small spruce or a white wood, but if it is made ready in the right spirit it will bring the sweetest joy to the children and leave the tenderest and happiest memories.

As a final frolic for the little ones, make a heavy paper stocking, fill it with candy, oranges and unbreakable gifts. After carefully tying the top, suspend it to a doorway. Each child is blindfolded, turned around several times, and then told to strike the stocking. At last some one will hit and break it, and the scattered gifts are secured amid great amusement and after a few stories they are ready to troop off to bed.

Among the choice selections appropriate to this season are Dr. Van Dyke's "The Story of the Other Wise Men," "Dickens' Christmas Carol," "Bills from Walter Scott, Phillips Brooks' exquisite 'O Little Town of Bethlehem,' Luther's beautiful carol written over three hundred years ago, 'All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord,' and Heber's 'Star in the East.' Last the simple New Testament story of the Nativity, then let the children recite the wonderful, ever-new 'Twas the Night Before

Christmas," timing their exit to its conclusion. "Merry Christmas to all, And to all a good night."

"I reckon," said Mr. Meddlergrass, "that about the most economical man we ever had in these parts was Jeb Hawkins. When Jeb went a courtin' he picked about the humblest gal there was in town, but he had to, for she was the only one that had a birthday on Christmas day, and he insisted on bein' married on Christmas day, too. Said it was because of the sentiment connected with the occasion, an' all that, but, just the same, he got confidential one time an' told me that he figured he'd save enough to buy him a home, just by combinin' the anniversary, birthday and Christmas presents."

As ships meet at sea for a moment to exchange words of greeting, must be spoken, and then away upon the deep, so men walk in this world, and I think we should cross no man's path without halting, and, if needs, giving him supplies.—(Henry Ward Beecher.)

At a dinner given in a home that was marked by the literary acquirements of its members the conversation naturally turned to books and their authors. This was not much to the liking of one young woman, who was more noted for her skill at golf and kindred sports than for her knowledge of romance and history. From time to time she attempted to start a discussion of outdoor games, but to no avail. At last her companion at the table turned to her with the inquiry: "And do you not like Kipling?"

The fair young thing knitted her brows in thought for a moment, then answered blithely: "Kipling? I do believe it has been introduced in our set yet. How do you kipple, anyway?"—(What to Eat.)

The Road of the Loving Heart. O what is this pathway white, with parapets of light, Whose slender links go up, go up, and meet in heaven high? 'Tis the Road of the Loving Heart from earth to sky.

Who made the beautiful road? It was the Son of God. Of Mary born in Bethlehem. He planned it first, and then Up the Road of the Loving Heart he led all men.

Was it not hard to build? Yes, all his years were filled With labor, but he counted not the cost nor was afraid; No Road of the Loving Heart is cheaply made.

The shining parapet in tireless love was set, A deathless patience shaped the treads and made them firm and even; By the Road of the Loving Heart we climb to heaven.

May I follow this path of souls which leads to the shining goals? Yes, 'Christ has opened the way to all, which his blessed feet once trod. And the Road of the Loving Heart he made is the Road to God.

—Susan Coolidge.

The Time of Turning. December's done is dark and bleak; December's done is cold and white; Yet through December's door we seek The harbingers of life and light.

The waning sun, whose dwindling days Shrink to the eyes of darkened men, Turns in his path, the while we praise And sing that earth is born again.

So if your house of life be dark, Throw open now its windows wide; Look out, look up, and joyous mark The sunlight of the Christmas-tide! —Edmund Vance Cooke.

Christmas Gifts and Christmas Loving. A few friends gathered with Mary Kendall and her mother around their hospitable open fire, had been talking over this vexing problem of Christmas giving and had been relating experiences.

til the sparks brightened the dusky room. "What were they?" asked Bess, the curious one. "Two plain linen, hemstitched handkerchiefs, a pair of stockings and a box of writing paper were the most acceptable presents I ever had. They were so delightfully useful."

"The most precious Christmas present I ever had," said Bess, "was the tiny blue-and-gold copy of Miss Haver-gall's 'Forget-me-nots' which Nora gave me. I have read it every day since until it is ready to drop to pieces, but I shall have it rebound and shall always love it more and more."

"I can remember some nice Christmas presents I have had," added Miss Melliss, sitting quietly in the corner. "There is a dear little volume of 'Gold Dust' in gold and scarlet which I would not part with for money; a silver ink eraser and a pair of letter scales, which have been my friends and companions for years; then a closet-door bag, so useful that I am glad of Christmas whenever I put anything into its capacious pockets."

"When I was a child," observed Mother Kendall, rounding the mitten she was busy knitting, "the Christmas time was simply a joyful festival with no weariness or anxiety about it. We were poor and lived in a log house, and my mother had no money to spend, but she made a beautiful rag doll, which went into my stocking with a roll of bright calico pieces, a gilded cut-glass bottle that was still scented with perfume, a paper of brown sugar and cinnamon, and a gingerbread man, brown and crisp, looking out at the top. I was as happy as any child to-day who receives loads of expensive toys, because each little gift, poor though it was, told me of mother's love."

"It is the loving thought that makes a gift shine," said Mary. "The most valued present I ever had is the sketch Miss V. Roberts gave me of my father's 'Christ and St. John.' It speaks to me every day of love, and makes me better. Mother, shall we read Sarah's letter? You did enjoy it so much when it came."

"This letter from Sarah," explained Mrs. Kendall, "shows what rich returns in gratitude one may receive from a Christmas gift when well chosen."

"I wish to thank you," Sarah writes, "for your kind gift of the magazine this year. I am sure you will like to know what a source of pleasure it has proved to me. I have sent it each week to my brother Tom, and he has, in turn, handed it over to a minister living next door, who can hardly wait for it. Tom says, 'Anna has many of the numbers to read before they go to Tom, and so has Mrs. Roberts. So you see, the "little candle" has spread its rays wide. The magazine to one who reads it is an education and an inspiration. Once more I wish to thank you for the good it does me in my own life. I consider that Christmas gift one of the richest investments I ever made.'"

"Mother Kendall, folding the letter carefully and replacing it in its envelope. "Tell us, Mother Kendall," said Bess, "what was the very best Christmas gift you ever received."

"The very best," returned Mother Kendall, thoughtfully, looking over her glasses into the glowing embers of the fire—"the very best gift I ever had came unexpectedly one Christmas evening. I can remember how the snow sparkled and how the light shone out through the bare branches of the trees as we sat on the street with a basket of home-made gifts for our poorer neighbors. On the way we stopped at the postoffice, and there was the gift—a letter. In two minutes it made a wintry night over into a June garden blooming with roses."

"It was a love letter," said Miss Melliss, softly.—(Union Signal.)



FAR better a rather plain dinner set before the Christmas guest, flavored with the sauce of a genuine welcome and hearty good fellowship, rather than a number of elaborate courses served with such a stately chill that one's attempt at sociability is but the ghost of the real thing.

The pleasure of her guests being her first consideration, let the hostess appear at the table smiling and at her ease—not a trace of the "Oh, I'm so worried for fear everything is not just right," being allowed to affect the social hostess. Let her state of things be so apt to be the case, particularly with the good "Marthas," of whom the world always has some on hand.

In order that the holiday may indeed be a merry, care-free one, let the hostess organize, systematize and direct beforehand with care and intelligence. She should have everything prepared and not attempt what is beyond her resources of time and strength.

There is certainly no better way than the old-fashioned one of loading the table with all the substantial of the feast—the splendid, great brown turkey, piping hot, necked with sausage, set before the guests with fragrant coffee served along with the dinner—and the vegetables passed around to each person so that they can take a larger or smaller portion as appetite prompts. At such a dinner the guests feel at once taken into a homely atmosphere, and the shyest and most unaccustomed diner-out eats in peace, undisturbed lest—as at a formal course dinner—he be discovered eating some unknown and wonderful triumph of the chef's mystic art with the wrong selection from the glittering, bewildering assortment of silverware sentineling his plate.

The following sample menus have been gathered as model ones from which the Gazette's readers can select and be sure of a Christmas dinner "fit for the gods."

CHRISTMAS DINNER NO. 1. Oysters in Cups. Celery Tomato Soup. Cranberry Jelly. Baked Potatoes. Spinach. Halved Grapefruit. Waldorf Salad. Crackers. Plum Pudding. Individual Mince Pies. Bonbons. Candied Ginger. Nuts and Raisins. Coffee.

By all means use red for decorating the table for it is the Christmas color. No purple, blue or green can be had than a basket of holly and mistletoe, the handle finished with a dainty bow of red satin ribbon. Then, about each red-shaded candleholder enwreath the holly. Sprays of holly make very effective centerpieces for the name cards. In case holly cannot be had, red crepe paper will aid in making things gay; red carnations or American Beauties may be substituted for holly.

CHRISTMAS DINNER NO. 2. Bluepoints. Julienne Soup. Celery. Olives. Sautéed Nuts. Creamed Lobster in Scallop Shells.



Mrs. Anderson, a prominent society woman of Jacksonville, Fla., daughter of Recorder of Deeds, West, who witnessed her signature to the following letter, praises Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—There are but few wives and mothers who have not at times endured agonies and such pain as only women know. I wish such women knew the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is a remarkable medicine, different in action from any I ever knew and thoroughly reliable."

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Mrs. Reed, 2425 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., says: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to write and tell you the good I have received from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

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When women are troubled with irregular or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, flatulence, general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles.

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Roast Turkey, Chestnut Stuffing, Cranberry Jelly. Stuffed Peppers, Celery in Cream Sauce, Potato Balls. Plum Pudding, Christmas Cakes. Vanilla Cream, Maple-Walnut Sauce, Bonbons, Coffee.

CHRISTMAS DINNER NO. 3. Oyster Bisque. Radishes, Celery, Pimientos. Baked Turkey, Oyster Sauce, Peas, Mashed Potatoes. Celery and Nut Salad. Plum Pudding. Fruits, Nuts, Raisins. Bonbons, Coffee.

As English plum pudding is named in each menu—a recipe may be acceptable. English Plum Pudding—Stone one pound of raisins; wash one pound of currants; mince one pound of beef suet. Mix well one pound of stale bread crumbs and one-half pound of flour in a pan with the suet. To six well-beaten eggs add a coffee cup of milk and pour into the dish containing the crumbs and suet. Beat this long and well, both before and after adding the fruit. Toss the raisins and currants add a quarter of a pound of candied orange and lemon peel cut fine, and season with one teaspoonful each of cinnamon and ginger, one grate nutmeg and a little salt. Tie in a cloth, allowing room to swell. Thicken cream, whipped and sweetened, makes an ideal sauce, but any of the foamy vanilla sauces are nice with this pudding.

One likes to try new dainties as a surprise at holiday time. So here's a recipe for Victoria fritters. They are made of rich preserved peaches in halves. Drain the syrup from them, and mix with one egg, one ounce of flour, two level teaspoons of baking powder, three tablespoons of sugar and a little salt. Mix these with one-third of a cup of milk. Fry in deep fat and serve hot. Pineapples may be used instead of the peach filling. Fritters without fruit are very good with maple syrup. Do not attempt to fry many at a time.

An old-fashioned fruit cake calls for two pounds of sweet Malaga raisins; seeded; two pounds of currants, carefully cleaned; 12 eggs, one pound of brown sugar, one pound of butter, one-fourth of a pound of candied lemon peel, one-fourth of a pound of citron, one-fourth of a pound of candied orange peel, one nutmeg, one teaspoonful of cloves, one tablespoonful of allspice, one tablespoonful of cinnamon, one pound of flour. Cream the butter and sugar, add the yolks of the eggs, well beaten, and the whites, whipped to a stiff froth. After this, mix the flour, sifted, with the fruit and spices, and serve thoroughly. Bake the cake in a slow oven for three and a half hours. Put a pan of hot water on the grate of the oven if it is too hot. The cake soaks easily; therefore, it is best to place an asbestos mat under it. A gill of brandy and of Jamaica rum are usually added to this cake for flavoring. The cake should be perfectly black when it is taken out of the oven. Let it cool in the pan for four hours; then ice it with a thin layer made by beat-

ing the white of one egg in a bowl with a quarter of a pound of powdered sugar. Let the cake dry for two hours more after this. Then beat four ounces of sugar with another white of an egg for 10 minutes to make a second icing for the cake. Let this dry for two hours longer, when the cake may be covered with a decorative icing, put on with fatty tubes. Fruit cake should always be heavily iced.

Orange Fanchonettes—Beat the yolks of two eggs with half a cup of sugar. Mix a tablespoonful of flour with a tablespoon of corn starch in a little cold milk. Put in a double boiler a little more than a pint of milk, and when scolding hot thicken with the flour and corn starch. Add yolks and sugar, stir for a few minutes, remove from the fire and flavor with orange extract. Fill small, rich tart shells, heap with a meringue and brown slightly. Decorate with candied cherries.

Canton Cream—Whip a quart of cream with a cup of sugar, then add one-third of a cup of gelatin dissolved in water, lastly, one cup of preserved ginger, cut into small bits. Freeze this; sufficient for eight persons.

Christmas is Near. Two little curly heads, yellow and brown, Over their work bending busily down. Twenty wee fingers all stitching away, Nimble and deftly as ever they may. Four little lips whispering softly and low Sweet little secrets that no one must know. These are the signs by which it is clear That Yule-tide is coming and Christmas is near!

Oh, for the mysteries no one can guess! Something for baby, and something for Bess, Presents for Jacky, and gifts for papa, Such a delightful surprise for mamma, All stowed away in the little work-box Of wee Rosy Posy and sweet Goldilocks! No one shall open it, no one shall peer Into its treasures till Christmas is here.

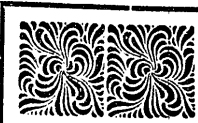
Work away, dear little hands, work away Swiftly and nimbly as ever you may. Only a little while longer, you know, You will have leisure to stitch and to sew. Every new morning and new night Brings the day nearer, the day of delight. Brightest and merriest day of the year: Yule-tide is coming and Christmas is near. —Perla Gardiner.

Hark! the merry chimneys are ringing, ringing, ringing soft and clear, Ringing out their joyful tidings—out upon the frosty air. Hark, ye rulers! Hark, ye people! Hark! ye to their glad refrain: Peace on burden, peace we bring you—peace on earth, good-will to men!

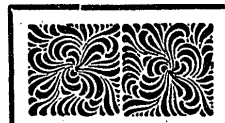
Mrs. Hickey (who is entertaining her little son's playmate, aged 5, at dinner) "Willie, can you cut your own meat?" "Willie (who is struggling with a piece on his plate) "Yes, thank you." (With a desperate saw at the beef) "I've cut quite as tough meat as this at home." —(Glasgow Evening Times.)



# A Child of Christmas



A Christmas Tale  
of North and South, by  
Joel Chandler Harris.



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(Conclude from Last Sunday.)

But where did the disease come from? How did poor Nan take the infection? It was the wonder of a long day, until it was discovered that Peter Valcombe, who had been ill in his room for several days, had the same disease. You may well believe the people were properly indignant that such a malignant distemper should have been brought among them. This was some pretty hot talk by those who had small children, but Dr. Randolph, Dorington, who, if anybody, was the one to complain, took it all as a matter of course. He took prompt measures to isolate the two cases, securing for that purpose a vacant dwelling on the outskirts of the town.

It was a tumble-down old place, to all outward appearances, but the interior was all that it should be. But after the patients had been removed, unaided and alone, the doctor confronted by the most serious difficulty of all. Who was to nurse Nan? And if Nan found a nurse, who was to nurse poor Peter Valcombe? It was a very serious matter; and while he was sitting on the porch, trying to solve the problem, he heard a light step in the hall, and the next moment in walked little Miss Johns, as cool as a cucumber and as fresh as a daisy.

"Oh, but this won't do!" cried Dorington, as Zepherine started to Nan's side. "You must get right out!" he commanded. His voice was stern and indignation sat on his countenance. "But if I won't," she said with a smile, "what then?" She took off her hat and hung it on the bedpost, placed her bundle of clothes in a chair and went to the door. Nan, who was in a raging fever and rather flighty in her mind, she placed her hand on Nan's brow and in a few moments the child ceased to mutter and throw her arms about.

"Now, what you think?" said little Miss Johns, hurrying to him with a smile of triumph.

"Why, I think you are very silly," he replied very angrily.

She was sitting on the side of the bed, but she rose as suddenly as if he had slapped her, her face red as a rose. "I think you are," she caught herself, and then her face became pale. "I have shame for you," she said, all trace of indignation gone. "I have shame for anyone who does not want his sick child to have the attention of her friends. Well, then, if that is your feeling, I can nurse the other—Monseigneur Valcombe. Where have you placed him?"

"He is in the room across the hall. But why do you come here? Have you thought of the risk?"

"You have no need to take off my head," she replied. "If I say what I think, it will make your ears burn. (To get me some—what you call this grease that is on the pigskin when it has been in the smoke?")

Angry as he was, Dorington was compelled to laugh at this description of bacon rind, and his eyes made Zepherine another and his eyes for she was very sensitive about her ignorance of English.

"I don't care if you get it or not," she exclaimed.

But the doctor made haste to do as he was told, feeling that he was in no wise responsible in the matter. When he returned with the bacon rind Nan was sound asleep, and little Miss Johns was in the room with Mr. Valcombe, and the two were rattling away in French at a terrible rate. Dr. Dorington went in there, after looking at Nan, but neither one nor the other paid attention to him. He might have been in Halifax, so far as they were concerned. Finally, he asked Mr. Valcombe if he didn't think that he was talking too much for a man in his condition.

"It was in English—yes," replied Peter; "but in French—oh, no! It will make me well. Oh! I'm much better at once." And it seemed to be true. It was fortunate for both the victims of the infection that they had little Miss Johns to nurse them, and it was even more fortunate that this young woman had been taught how to nurse the sick by the good sisters at the convent. Her art in this matter was a revelation to Dorington. It seemed to him that the vitality of the girl was abnormally developed. No matter how long she had been on her feet during the day, no matter how much sleep she had lost, a sigh from Nan would bring her to the child's bedside in a flash, and she was as prompt with poor Peter Valcombe.

It is unnecessary to go into all the details of the treatment which Zepherine and her friends gave to the two victims. She insisted on having her own way, and in almost every instance it turned out to be the better way. This was especially true of her treatment of poor Peter Valcombe. Dr. Dorington had told her more than once that she was almost as good as a doctor. The work of Dr. Zepherine, however, insisted that he was absolutely necessary that he should recover. She clung to the idea and worked in the light of it, and finally her faith was rewarded. Mr. Valcombe became convalescent, and the first fitting opportunity the doctor had when Zepherine was out of hearing he told the patient that he owed his life to Miss Johns.

"All right, all right," said Mr. Valcombe; "she lost nothing by that. I will make her very glad of it."

When the doctor resumed the regular practice of his profession, all danger of the spread of the disease being over, he had to put up with a very severe lecture from the ready tongue of Mr. Billy Sanders.

"I declare, Randolph, I'm ashamed of you, bedlegged of I ain't! Why, supposin' that little forin gal had 'a' took the smallpox and 'a' died? Wouldn't that 'a' been a purty piece of business for you to stagger around under? Why, in the name of charity, didn't you ketch her by the ear an' lead her out of the room?"

Well, I heartily wish you had been there to carry your plan out. I couldn't do a thing with her. "Why, I could tote her on the palm of my hand, Randolph; she ain't bigger'n a sparrow," persisted Mr. Sanders. "Why'n't you put her out by main strength?"

Well, there are several reasons," responded Dorington. "One is that she slipped in before I knew she was with a mile of the place; another is that she had hold of Nan's hand before I had any idea what kind of a caper she was going to cut. But the real reason why I didn't insist on driving her away is that I didn't want to have a fight with a woman."

"But, Randolph, that child is as shy as a flyin' squirrel an' lots gentler than old Kate, the nag you drive to your buggy," Mr. Sanders persisted; but there was no more to be said. Zepherine, who had been sitting on the porch, spoke. "Do you want to tell me, Randolph," he went on, "that child is much bigger'n a hummin' bird an' mighty high as cute, reely frailed you out up ther whar you couldn't holler for help?"

"I didn't say that," replied Dorington, with a laugh; "but you will say it, and I'll never hear the last of it. Well, you may say what you please, she's a very brave little woman and the best nurse I have ever seen. There is no doubt in my mind that she saved the lives of Nan and Valcombe."

To say that the little French shoemaker was grateful to Zepherine would fall far short of the truth. He took it for granted that she was an angel in the shape of a woman, sent specially to relieve him from pain and to drag him back to life, and he conducted himself accordingly. Not a Sunday afternoon passed that he did not stroll out to Shady Dale to see her. He came and went so quietly that Mr. Sanders was moved to say that he went about as if he were a flake of thistledown.

It was during one of these visits that Miss Johns took occasion to tell Mr. Valcombe why she had come so far from home. She told also of her father; how he had gone away from home and how she, too, had come away to find him. Some day, she said, she would be able to go to New Orleans, where she knew her dear father was. At this Mr. Valcombe shrugged his shoulders, as Frenchmen will, and told her that New Orleans was a very large city. Whereupon Zepherine shrugged her shoulders, too, and the gesture was very cunning, saying that no matter how large the town might be the good God would enable her to find her dear father.

But as the cooler weather drew on there came a time when the visits of Mr. Valcombe ceased. This was very pleasing to Nan Dorington, who was a little jealous of the Frenchman. Since her illness she was more devoted to Zepherine than ever. And Nan was more beautiful than ever. There was not a mark on her face to show that she had been so ill, and that terrible disease and it was all owing to Zepherine.

And yet, between Nan's father and Zepherine a terrible state of affairs existed. This was owing in part to the jealousy of the Frenchman, and in part to the misunderstanding that had arisen when Zepherine had made her unexpected appearance as a voluntary nurse. When Zepherine returned home Mr. Sanders was the first to greet her, and his greeting brought the blood to her face. "Why, hello honey!" he exclaimed. "I'm mighty glad to see you lookin' so

well. They tell me that you frailed out the doctor 'en about as soon as you got in the door of the pest-house. Well, I'm mighty glad to hear it; he's been needin' somethin' of that sort for a long time."

"Fraid? What is fraid?" inquired Zepherine, albeit she had a dim conception of her own that it meant a dispute.

Mr. Sanders laughed. "I bet you that Randolph knows what it means," he replied; "an' you couldn't a' whaled a chap that decent to it more."

"Whale? Oh, I don't know what you mean."

Zepherine was forced to fall back on Sarah Clifton for an explanation. When the explanation was given it quite took Zepherine's breath away. "Oh, I was rude to him," she said, weeping a little and blushing. "But how could I do? He was also rude. He would drive me away when I go to take care of his own child."

"Why, my dear, he didn't want you to catch the disease," Sarah Clifton explained.

"But if I catch it, what is that to him?" cried Zepherine, with some show of indignation. "If he have it I won't take care of him—unless," she paused and gave Sarah Clifton a swift glance. "Unless what?"

"Unless you or Nan want me to go to the doctor," the older woman regarded Zepherine with a curious smile, and she continued to smile after the girl had gone for her embroidery frame.

Whatever the smile may have meant, it had no effect on Zepherine, for whenever Dorington came to Shady Dale, she was often, the young woman promptly disappeared and was seen no more until after his departure. More than once he made inquiries about her, and on one occasion he said he wanted to see her for the purpose of apologizing for his rudeness.

"Why, I hope you haven't been rude to the child," remarked Sarah Clifton when he mentioned the matter. "She thinks that she was rude to you."

"Well, only properly so. I was irritated when she came into that house. She knows more about the treatment of smallpox than I do. She threw up medicine out of the window and refused positively to follow my directions; and yet Nan tells me she's the truest, gentlest little thing in the world. I'm so glad I don't understand anything. Later when Sarah Clifton informed Zepherine that the doctor had made inquiries for her, she raised her eyebrows in astonishment.

"For me?" she cried.

"Yes, he said he wanted to apologize," replied the older woman dryly.

"Apologize to me!" exclaimed Zepherine.

"Well, poor man! If he know nothing of smallpox, and know not who should apologize, he must have a deep

said Zepherine, blushing: "If you had heard him walking as I did, all through the long night, while Nan was ill, when you think you would know his step when you heard it. I don't think it so hard to know the step of those you love, I mean those you like or dislike; do you think so?"

"No, I suppose not," replied Sarah Clifton.

Zepherine was only too glad of an excuse to get away from this friend, who had suddenly developed a desire to tease, so she ran off to meet Nan.

As soon as she saw Zepherine, she threw up her hands with a shrill scream of mystery and she just knew it would be a mystery to her. She had gone around to Mr. Valcombe's shop to find out why he didn't come to Shady Dale any more, now—had he heard that Mr. Valcombe was not in town at all; that he didn't propose to return until—at this point she placed both hands over her mouth and gave Zepherine a wild look.

"What, then, is the matter with you? Why do you begin to tell something and then pause in that way?" inquired the thoroughly puzzled Miss Johns.

"Oh, I want to tell you, but I mustn't. Oh, Mr. Sanders would never forgive me. Indeed he would," he told me so. It is the most perfectly lovely idea I ever heard of."

"But what can it be? Is it about me?" As she spoke, Miss Johns began to blush even as she blushed before Sarah Clifton.

Nan paid no attention to the blushes. She simply placed a hand over her mouth and shook her head. When she did speak, she pretended to be angry. "You know I am just dying to tell you, Oh, if you knew how wild I am you wouldn't dare to ask me."

"Dare? It is something terrible," said Miss Johns, her face becoming pale. "Oh, if you care for me, please tell me."

Nan seized her in a furious embrace. "Oh, you sweet goose! Oh, you dear! Don't drive me crazy. I could tell you how I love you. When he saw me coming from the shop, he called me and asked me how much I knew about a great deal, and I pretended to know a great deal, and I kept on hinting and asking him how much he knew. And oh! it was the most wonderful thing! I went to the mouth again, and nothing. Miss Johns could say or do had the effect of inducing Nan to tell what she knew.

The girl drifted into winter without producing any change in the season. The roses bloomed, the birds sang, the apple trees, mistaking the portents, began to clothe themselves with blossoms. The sun shone with the warmth of spring, and the delicately crisp breezes were laden with the odors of the season of flowers.

Well, it was upon the balmy wings of this perfect season that the days drifted toward Christmas; and when that day was near, the word went around that Mr. Valcombe, the shoemaker, had returned to the city. He had not come upon the stagecoach. No, he had not been a passenger on the stagecoach. In Malvern he had hired a conveyance, and had timed his start from that city so as to arrive at Shady Dale on the nightfall; and the driver, who had his supper at the tavern, declared that Mr. Valcombe had brought a companion with him. This driver further said that the two passengers talked out, and he couldn't understand a word they said.

The day after his return Mr. Valcombe appeared to be in very high spirits. He saw Mr. Sanders on the street and called to him, and after the two had talked together for a few moments, they went to Mr. Valcombe's shop, and here they had another consultation, which lasted an hour or two.

After that they went to the tavern, where Mr. Sanders made a very peculiar inquiry. He asked if anybody had seen Dorington. "No, no," he had seen Dorington, but nobody knew where she was at that particular moment. Home was the last place to look for Nan, but she happened to be there when the two men went by on their way to Shady Dale. They called for her, and then the three went on their way.

Mrs. Abraham Goddett, Dorington's housekeeper watched from her window, saw the three plotters stop in the middle of the road and stand there talking. Then all of a sudden she saw Nan jump at the shoemaker and throw her arms around him. This done, the child seized Mr. Sanders by both hands and tried to swing him around in a wild dance. Owing to circumstances, Mr. Sanders was not singing and he simply turned on his heels and allowed Nan to whirl around him, and when she had finished this series of gyrations she threw her arms around his rotund figure and gave him a good squeezing.

"Nan, certainly Nan seemed to be very pleased this time for when she saw her companions reached Shady Dale she rushed at Miss Johns and came near smothering her with hugs and kisses, and she repeated the same performance with Sarah Clifton.

"Nan, what a wonderful thing!" cried Sarah Clifton, struggling and laughing. "What does it mean?"

"Oh, don't you know?" exclaimed Nan; "it's only two days to Christmas. Nan's—her pet name for Mrs. Abraham Goddett—is that day that of this special of weather keeps up we'll have ripe peaches on April Fool's day and figs in May."

This being a matter beyond dispute, Nan's small audience could only laugh at her enthusiasm. However, when no one else was looking, Mr. Sanders winked and Mr. Valcombe shrugged his shoulders after the manner of his people. And then—how it was done no one seemed to know—Nan inveigled Miss Johns into taking a walk, whereupon Mr. Sanders reinforced and supported by Mr. Valcombe's eloquent shoulders and hands, gave Sarah Clifton to understand that it was the desire of certain influential individuals to set out a Christmas tree for the especial pleasure of Miss Johns.

"Are you deserting Nan?" the lady asked.

"By no manner of means," replied Mr. Sanders. "Nan is to be the ring-master, an' me an' Peter will be the trick clowns, as you may say. Anyhow, Sarah, you're likely to find something from this tree. The fruit'll be a real surprise you mightly."

"Well, what kind of present will you give the child, Sarah Clifton inquired?" I have a number of things to give her, and I've been trying to think of some way to surprise her pleasantly. I confess I like the old way the best, an' a great believer in Santa Claus, as I am, and I once took it for

work and sat out of doors in the pleasant sunshine. Nan, who had been set to work all of Zepherine's movements, gave a sigh of relief. "Thank goodness!" she cried. "Now I can go into the parlor without climbing in at the window."

Christmas morning dawned bright and beautiful.

There was not a cloud in the sky or a hint of frost in the air. The mocking birds were singing in the orchard, and the blue jays were vigorously chiding one another in one of the big oaks. An early breakfast was the rule at Shady Dale, and Christmas morning was no exception. The negroes were crowding around the back door, ready to cry out, "Christmas gift!" to all who came in sight. Then Sarah Clifton made her appearance, and the negroes were soon in possession of the presents intended for them; and not one was forthcoming.

Following this came the justly famous Christmas tree. Mr. Sanders opened the door of the parlor. The room presented a very beautiful appearance. The heavy red curtains had been drawn together to exclude the light of day. The illumination came from the six big candlesticks that had done duty in the Clifton family for

He went out, and all the rest followed his example, Sarah Clifton going last and closing the door behind her. At the end of half an hour Mr. Sanders knocked, and the door was opened by Zepherine, whose happiness had somewhat subdued her. An hour before she was a girl, but now she was a woman, with responsibility tugging her sleeves. Not one of her friends but could see the change. She could hardly bear to leave her father, and she sat holding his hand and stroking it and frequently looking up in his face.

Mr. Sanders went up to the tree and took packages from it. "For Miss Nan Dorington. A thrup' wuth of candy from an old lover. An' here's a letter marked Zepherine. It's badly spelt, an' they don't seem to be much in it."

"I want nothing but this," said Zepherine.

"Nothin' but the letter? Well, here it is, honey."

"I meant I want nothing but my father," said Zepherine.

"Well, he's a good chunk of a present," said Mr. Sanders; and then he went on distributing the presents.

Suddenly Sarah Clifton asked where Randolph Dorington had gone.

"He's outside," said Zepherine. "I heard him walking."

Sarah Clifton observed that the young woman had opened all her presents save one—the first she had received. But when Peter Valcombe came and sat by her father she excused herself, and went to her room and tore the envelope open. It contained a brief note from Randolph Dorington. He said he had long sought for an opportunity to apologize for his rudeness on the occasion of Nan's illness, and would she kindly permit him to speak with her a few moments? She placed the note in her trunk, and then stood wringing her hands, uncertain what to do. She looked at herself in the mirror, and made a mouth at the reflection she saw there. But she went out upon the veranda, and saw Dorington sitting on one of the low double seats scattered about the lawn, she hesitated, but finally gulped down her shyness and fear, and whatever the feeling was, and ran down the steps and went toward him. Dorington rose to meet her, hat in hand, and wanted her to be seated, but she shook her head, and immediately opened the attack.

"When you make fun of me as you do you are too cruel," she declared indignantly. "You are too cruel when you speak to me of apology. You do that because you know how hurt I am because of the way I spoke to you when Nan was ill. Yes, I think it is cruel." Tears were in her eyes and her lips quivered.

"But, Zepherine," he said, a little sadly. "I remember nothing but my own rough speech and manner. If you were rude you had a right to be. But isn't there some excuse for me? Will you forgive me?"

"It is I who should say that," Zepherine declared; but Dorington noticed that she was very particular to leave it unsaid.

"I haven't answered my question," he insisted.

"Because it has no nega of answer," she replied.

"Well, I will ask you another that you will be compelled to answer," he said.

"Oh, compelled," she smiled at him but there was trouble in the smile. "Will be compelled? Well, that is different."

"Will you marry me?" he asked.

"Will I?—All the color left her face. "Will you be my wife?"

"Why you must be in great trouble if you ask me that. Have you no others to go to?" She had suddenly recovered her composure and was now, to use one of Mr. Sanders' comparisons, as cool as a cucumber.

"I want no other," she answered.

"Do you think I would come between you and Nan?" She would break my heart by hating me."

"Then let us leave the matter to Nan," he suggested.

"Why, I never heard of such a thing!" protested Zepherine. "You must be a certain way," he answered. "At that moment Nan came out of the house, and when she saw Zepherine and her father she ran to them."

"Nan, I have just asked this young lady to leave her home here and live with us."

Nan gave a shrill scream of delight. "Oh, won't that be fun?"

"But you don't understand," said Zepherine.

"Oh, don't! Why, goosey, you must think I'm a baby—and I will be one when I'm married. You'll be my itsey-bitsy mamma."

"Oh, for shame!" cried Zepherine, getting very red in the face. Whereupon Nan seized her dear friend and squeezed her as only Nan could squeeze. "You'll break every bone in my body," protested Zepherine.

"You haven't answered my question," said the doctor.

"Say it, goosey, and be done with it," insisted Nan.

"Oh, Nan, I love you; you know it well. I will be waiting to please you."

"Popsy, there's your answer," said Nan; and then she ran away to the house, a very thoughtful and considerate performance.

"Oh! I thought all the time that I hated you," said Zepherine after she had talked a while. "But when I saw you holding my dear father's hand I knew the feeling was something else." She paused a moment; and then exclaimed, "What a Christmas this is for me!" "And for me!" said Dorington.



"I think you are silly," he replied, angrily.

## Speaking of Art and Artists.

(Special Correspondence of the Gazette.)  
New York, Dec. 15.—The present exhibition of the Water Color club at the fine arts gallery, has been the talk among artists, and those who love this medium for art expression. The attendance has been large and many pictures have been sold. The exhibit is one of the most successful of the season. There is a variety of subjects, and assuredly a variety of treatment. There are pictures that look like oil, pictures painted in the impressionistic manner, with broad sweeps of color, pictures that are beautiful in their poetic feeling and beautiful in their execution. The work of Mr. Winslow Homer has created a sensation. Artists like his sketchy quality, its immense strength of handling, its vivid coloring, its uniqueness of subject, but the critics give it the finest kind of a score. Winslow Homer has been so successful in his career, so lauded to the skies for his superb work in the past, that it reads like heresy, the things that have been written of these pictures. These sketches, for that is what they

are, include subjects that were painted in Bermuda. Think of these artistic impressions, "Hogs and Cedars," "Turtle Pound," "Cockfight." Hardly one of these 18 sketches could have gained a place in this exhibition without the name of a name. An unknown person sending this work would have met with a snub of the cruelest kind. After all, a name gives one immense liberty but it does not always save the artist from the scorn of the critic. The artists know that these are great things, not as pictures. How often it is that the first rude sketch will be superior to any finished effort, yet the public clamor for finish and smoothness of execution.

From this exhibition we turn to the one now open at the galleries of the American Art Association. It is an exhibition of Japanese art by artists of Japan where, in the "land of the rising sun," the clever fingers of the trained eyes have produced art effects that charm and surprise. A New York writer says:

those Japanese artists who have gone to Paris to study, but they are justifying themselves. An exhibition of water colors now on view at the art galleries of the American Art Association, in East Twenty-third street, shows that these men can produce work that compares favorably—very favorably—with the productions of their occidental brothers. There is an exhibition of water colors by American artists on Fifty-seventh street. At a visit to that show, followed by an inspection of the work of the Japanese is likely to lead to somewhat unwelcome reflections—to an American.

"It would be instructive to place one of the pictures by, for instance, Winslow Homer, which are shown in Fifty-seventh street, beside those by Hiroshi Yoshida, on view in Twenty-third street. In the one is an absolute lack of poetic feeling, color that is strong but unpleasant, drawing that is very clever but unrefined. In the other one finds a subject of the simplest character treated in a manner which exhibits the truest poetic instinct, subdued color which nevertheless has the qualities of a gem, drawing in which every line is subtle and full of meaning.

"The American artists who are exhibitors at the Water Color society's show ask and get sums ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 for their productions. At the Japanese show there are some unsigned pieces that can be purchased for as little as \$5, while one can buy quite an important example by a well-known artist for as much as \$100. It has been the fashion to laugh at

to one of the Americans for a piece of his work might possibly lead to the would-be purchaser being the victim of physical violence.

"It is all a matter of fashion. Some day perhaps it will be the work of the Japanese that will be valuable, while some of the drawings by occidentals which now bring such high prices will be decorating fourth-rate shows."

At the Knoedler gallery on Fifth avenue there is a cluster exhibition of two chalk pictures by Walter MacEwen, a Chicago man who lives most of the time in Europe. It is interesting for both student and art lover. Wonderful in the splendid color effects that have been achieved with two bits of chalk, black and deep red. In these pictures you see variety of tints and colors. Greys, greens and yellows are mildly in evidence; indeed they seem to revel in quiet color that appeals tremendously to the color sense. So much with so little! The subjects chosen are charming bits of femininity, with exquisite drawing and posing, there is only one landscape in the collection that covered the four walls of a good sized gallery. The pictures were all framed alike in heavy, wide white and gold frames and hung upon a gray wall of burial, while around the ceiling of the room were hanging Christmas greens. The general effect was harmonious and thoroughly artistic. In the same gallery, but hanging in another room are water color landscapes by Mr. J. A. Joseph. This group are pleasing in color and theme, but unimportant in technique. It has been

said that "his skies are always lofty and atmospheric, but his trees are never quite so satisfactory in treatment and anatomy. Probably this is because in all nature there is nothing more difficult to do than trees, and especially if they be green. To suggest the anatomy of the stem and branches when those members are quite concealed by leafage, to have them taper rightly at the top and to indicate, although the trees are in tall grass, the beautifulness of their deep rooted in old mother earth—there is no formula, happily, or otherwise, by which one may be sure of expressing these things, so subtle and yet so absolute. Then, too, the artist must always have in mind the dignity and grace of his trees as well as their charm of color. Thus it happens that those pictures by Mr. Joseph that have no trees are the best. Two or three small, low-toned, pensive landscapes seem especially good, probably because suggestive of more repose than one looks for in the sunnier ones."

It was the privilege of a Colorado Springs art lover to be one of several who recently visited the residence of Mr. C. Lambert at Paterson, N. J., for the purpose of enjoying his remarkable and valuable collection of old and modern pictures. This artistic journey to "The Castle" was enjoyed by the members of the National Art club and its guests.

A fine exhibit of Sir Seymour Haden's etchings is now open at the Grolier club. It is probably the finest collection of etchings ever brought to this

country, although some of us remember a wonderful collection that represented Mr. Whistler's collection of etchings, that puzzled the American public several years ago. Philip Gilbert Hamerton calls Mr. Haden "the most accomplished and most powerful landscape and marine etcher of modern times. A New York critic adds:

"In looking over the collection one cannot but realize the truth of the saying that it is the busiest men who have the most time. Sir Seymour Haden's vocation was that of a hard-worked surgeon who took up etching as a relaxation, being elected to the presidency of the British society of painter-etchers. His first etchings were published in 1845, but the bulk of his work was done between 1858 and 1885, during which years he signed nearly 200 plates, many of them requiring weeks of labor. Their artistic value is too well known to need further comment. Every different state of the large plates is here shown, some of the variations being too slight to be of much importance except to students of art."

"The series of fine portrait etchings, engravings and mezzotints of Sir Seymour, by various artists, shown last evening are again part of the exhibition. Of these the etching by William Strang and the mezzotint by Gerald Robinson are of extraordinary vigor and interest. Both are remarkable tributes by great etchers to the doyen of their guild."

M. A. B.  
Subscribe for the Gazette.

A Christmas Eve.  
(Soliloquy of a boy of 7 years.)  
That new boy in Miss Suter's room  
He says—and I believe him—  
There isn't any Santa Claus!  
He's ten; you can't deceive him.  
He came from Boston, and he says  
Such fiction's truly shocking;  
I don't quite know what he means, but  
I'll not hang up my stockings!

9 P. M.  
Somehow I can't get fast asleep!  
I s'pose 'cause I'm excited,  
Haven't pa did laugh when I came up!  
I wish I was a little bit delighted.  
They're down stairs yet! I hear pa's voice,  
And ma! I hear her rocking.  
I wonder can they hear me if  
I go hang up my stocking.

10 P. M.  
I wish there was a Santa Claus!  
I like the old way better.  
I used to write him what to bring  
And pa would take the letter.  
Hark! I hear sleigh-bells, don't I? And—  
Can that be Santa knocking?  
He doesn't knock—but just for fun  
I will bang up my stocking.  
Edward W. Barnard in Leslie's Weekly.

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## THE VALUE OF COLORADO AIR.

## ARBITRATION FOR VENEZUELA.

Colorado Springs has been enjoying a very good article of winter climate in the past week, and it seems hardly possible that within 30 miles of this city a fierce blizzard is raging. But the storm king is usually very considerate of Colorado Springs. Many storms that visit neighboring states never reach us at all, and whenever we do have bad weather, it is pretty safe to say that it is very much worse elsewhere.

## A SLANDER UPON THE WEST.

## SOME ASPECTS OF THE VENEZUELAN AFFAIR.

PROBABLY the most evidently important feature in connection with the Venezuelan trouble, is the fact that Germany and Great Britain should have taken the trouble to assure themselves in advance of the attitude of the United States, and should have limited their course of action by explanations to us. Such explanations are, in themselves, a very plain and substantial recognition of the Monroe doctrine, and an admission that this country has a special and superior interest in the affairs of the South American states, such as does not belong to any power of Europe.

sideration for our wishes nor altruistic endeavor to

There is another aspect of the Venezuelan affair which is not less interesting but more disquieting to Americans. Germany was undoubtedly the leader in the demonstration against Venezuela, and her diplomats deserve credit for securing the participation of Great Britain in an affair that might otherwise have appeared much more suspicious to Americans. But the dual alliance, for this matter, has later been increased by the accession of Italy, while Spain, Belgium and the Netherlands have signified that their demands are also to be considered. France, overshadowed by her great ally of the north, and satisfied with the decision of her Venezuela claims by a recent arbitration tribunal, has contented herself with a formal notice that her subsequent claims stand on the same footing with those of the other powers.

## THE UNION PACIFIC PENSION SYSTEM.

## NEW REVENUE RULING.

**BOULDER IN 1902.**

Senator Teller's prediction of serious trouble over the Venezuelan complication is worthy of attention. We must that his apprehension may prove to be unfounded, but it is undoubtedly shared by some of the shrewdest American statesmen.

McKinley shut the door of patronage  
Reed, except in his congressional  
days. He was not a man who  
bellowed out a good many kinds of  
manners about McKinley to his friends,  
round the rosters for Reed at St.  
Louis. This was the case with  
Theodore Roosevelt; the war  
leaders rooted was peculiar. There was  
no uncertainty among the delegates  
in the east about McKinley's posi-  
tion. He was the man who was  
unjust to McKinley, but Tom Platt  
of New York, was circulating McKin-  
ley's free silver speeches among the dele-  
gates. He was not a man who was  
helping popular; and until his last  
years never went further under the  
face of things than to Flatt's  
office was working. The Reed  
was a banner as big as all outdoors. On  
he was painted "Tom Reed is for Gold"  
and the voters so big you could see them two  
miles away. The Reed was the  
wondering over St. Louis. The Reed was

In the serenity with which Mrs. Grant  
accepted the vicissitudes of her husband's  
lot, he illustrated the best that  
American life has to offer. Incidents  
illustrate its romantic possibilities. His  
brilliant and wealthy southern girl who  
gave her heart to the modest and portion-  
less soldier, the man who was  
when misfortune drove him to the hard-  
ships and toll of a small farm, and whose  
trust was rewarded by the spectacle of  
the great war, the man who was  
march of irresistible armies, as the pres-  
ident ruling with wisdom and energy, and  
the guest of the world and again as the  
indomitable soldier fighting his last  
battle, the man who was the man who  
a career was his the proud witness  
partner and with what dignity and mod-  
esty did she do her part.

McKinley and a fine woman and a fine  
strong woman yesterday. It is well that  
her ashes shall repose under the same  
marble temple that rises to the memory  
of the great man who was the man who  
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ner. It was spectacular, character-  
ic, and absolutely useless so far as  
were concerned. But the writer,  
was a reporter at the convention,  
proud of the fact that the Gazette  
is the only paper in Kansas that was







# WINES AND MINING

## ANOTHER CYANIDE MILL.

Special to the Gazette.

Cripple Creek, Dec. 19.—The old Van Fleet Sampler on Bull hill, near Goldfield, has been leased for three years to Messrs. Rice, Barryhill & Russell, who are converting the old sampler as fast as possible into a cyanide mill. Plans to handle 150 tons of ore each day are now on their way here and it is the opinion of the lessees that they can keep them busy through this winter. The sampler stands today in as good repair as on the day it closed and as soon as the tanks are put in place everything will be ready for business. These gentlemen have a long lease on the Ironclad property on Ironclad hill. The experimental plant they have been operating for some time has demonstrated that thousands upon thousands of tons can be made to pay a good profit by the means of cyanide. At the little mill they have been working no rollers or crushers were attached and as a consequence the material from the property was thrown into the tanks, some weighing as high as 50 pounds or more, the size being too large for this process to handle. But with the crushers now ordered no trouble will be experienced. The machinery will arrive the coming week and it is only a question of a few weeks before the plant will be running at full blast.

Miller and Nesbitt have their cyanide plant now complete and ready for operation. The ore bins are all filled with rock that has come from the Pharmacists' dump and the trial run will be made the first of the coming week. These mill men have secured leases on the Pharmacists, Academics and Free Coinage dumps and they now figure that every pound of rock will run in the neighborhood of from \$8 to \$10 per ton. As they can treat \$5 ore at a small profit it looks as if they will have a pretty good thing out of the three dumps.

President and General Manager Erisman of the Blue Flag Mining company has returned to the district and is now preparing plans for the development of his properties. The old shaft on the Blue Flag which is 75 feet in depth is to be enlarged and will be at once equipped with an up-to-date cage. This company has also purchased a good plant for crushing and this will be installed as quickly as possible on the property that joins the Joe Dandy vein and is thought to carry the Dandy vein or ore shoot. A shipment of 40 tons of about \$30 ore was sent yesterday from this company's property. It was broken in a level run out at the 100-foot point.

Hannigan Brothers and Mates, operating on the Whiskey shaft of the Gold Sovereign company will send out a carload of shipment of ore this morning and the other screenings that are expected to average around the \$50 mark to the ton. This shipment will go out tomorrow. These lessees have recently opened up the shoot of ore which promises to last longer than anything found on this property for some time.

Godsey Trumbull & Co., operating the LaBelle claim of the Golden Cycle company sent out a shipment of 25 tons this week. Returns were received from \$40 values to the ton. Yesterday another shipment of screenings left the property and will run around the \$30 mark to the ton. This lease is looking remarkably good at the present time. Gus Johnson and associates, who are leasing on a small property in the Cripple Creek district near the Cripple Creek and Pittsburgh capital is interested.

The strike was made in the property of the Pacific Mining & Milling company in the Granite district near Leadville. While sinking on a new cross vein was encountered at a depth of about 100 feet. The new vein shows about 15 inches of mineral which is liberally sprinkled with free gold. The vein on which the company was sinking at the time it was struck is a streak of very high grade ore and a large amount of pay mill stuff. It is proposed to continue sinking the shaft until another 100 feet of depth is attained when two levels will be run and the two veins already discovered will be explored fully. From present indications it looks like the Gopher will soon become a shipper.

## ROYAL MINING CO. OPENS RICH ORE IN TUNNEL.

On Monday of this week, when the shots in the Royal tunnel on Sultan mountain near Silverton, were put in at the 1,040-foot mark, a 30-inch vein of ore was encountered and the King vein exposed to a depth of 300 feet. The vein is on the south on the vein where the larger and better ore has been developed by upper workings is now in order and at the same time the tunnel will be pushed on ahead 200 feet to where the second and more prominent vein of the company, known as the Buzzaque, will be cut at a depth of 1,000 or more feet.

The ore is a quartz filled with a fine galena and copper and while the same is not of sufficient value to make a shipping product at the present point of intersection of tunnel, it is a very desirable milling ore. The company during the prosecution of the long tunnel has from time to time been doing a little work in the upper tunnels near the surface and has shipped small quantities of high grade copper-silver ore during the past summer, now that the vein is accessible and convenient from below will confine all efforts to drifting and upraising where the winter's inclemency cannot prevent the energy of an enterprising people.

## NEW MINING COMPANY BUYS GROUP IN GEORGETOWN DIST.

The Capital Prize Mining company last Saturday made full payment for the valuable group which the company has been developing under lease and bond. The recent owners, Mrs. Magie Bullock, Louis Bachler and the Bank of Clear Creek have bonded their interests to John Hite, who managed the group until a few months ago, when William Cooper was appointed manager.

A shaft sunk from a tunnel level is now down about 250 feet, and the property is showing hopefully as depth is reached. It is the general opinion of mining men that this shaft working will develop large bodies of gold-copper ore. The group is within the Georgetown city limits.

## CAR SHORTAGE CAUSES TROUBLE TO PORTLAND.

According to the Cripple Creek Times the management of the Portland Gold Mining company is in dire straits. Such a condition is now confronting them, that of monster corporation has seldom ever before occurred. It is simply impossible for the Portland people to get cars in anything like sufficient number to send to their own mill the quantity of rock that would be profitable to have bedded. Outside of the bedding

proposition there is waiting at the mine considerable ore that is later suited to a furnace than to the process the Portland company uses, and at that it was not being hoisted yesterday.

But there is a good reason for all this. In fact, it is a most excellent one. At the present time the Portland company has broken, hoisted and made ready for shipment 90 cars of ore. The cars are not yet available and so for a day it was absolutely necessary to stop hoisting mineral. The trouble is that the Portland is getting to be too big a proposition, not only for the mill that it owns, but for the railroad that it assisted most materially in building.

It is a peculiar thing for a mining property to be placed in the position of the Portland and, but just as it is not informed, it is quite likely that too much ore was the direct cause of the resignation of Mr. C. J. Garvin. In this connection it can be announced that Mr. T. F. Fitzgerald has been appointed to fill the position vacated by the voluntary retirement of Mr. Garvin.

The new man at the helm understands his business from A to Z, but he is taking charge of one of the greatest troubles with which a mining man is faced, in a gold mining way, is truly the wonder of the world. The value of its ore in the yellow metal per ton can not be found on the globe. At present the Portland management is attempting to make a quantity of ore, not the average better than \$30 per ton, and this work can be continued for an indefinite period, but there will come a time when the vast bodies of rock that are now left standing in the mine may be hoisted. When this time comes the Portland can be placed on the dividend paying list until after the time when your children's children are dead.

## Ten Thousand-Dollar Shipment

Lessee Charles Leonard is again paying in his old-time luck on the Doctor-Jack Pot property. He is at present operating in the seventh level and is doing well with success in the production of his grade ore. He has taken out level the Doctor and Jack Pot veins united and large quantities of rich ore were taken from that point. In the seventh level the veins separate again and are there 25 feet apart. It is believed that at that point that Mr. Leonard has recently taken out some ore of phenomenal richness. Ore to the amount of only 54½ tons taken from that point will bring in round numbers \$10,000, and the company will receive \$4,000 in royalties. Of this lot of ore 12½ tons runs seven ounces and 22 tons runs five ounces. These values are from the lessee's samples, the shipments having only recently been made so that the actual returns have not yet been received. It is believed that the Jack Pot vein will carry high values and good quantities in the eighth level, when the construction of the drainage tunnel makes work in that level possible. In the meantime the return from lessee's work is of sufficient value to the company as to enable it to make frequent payments upon its indebtedness.

## LOCAL COMPANY STRIKES OIL IN ITS WELL AT BOULDER.

V. J. Bonbrant and company have received the pleasing intelligence that the Boulder that one of their oil wells in that field is now pumping. It is one of the wells of the Boulder Illuminating Oil company and is the first pump well that this company has opened up.

It will be several days yet before the flow of the well can be figured, as up to the present the pump has been taking off the head or foam at the top of the well. It is believed that the well will do better than 50 barrels a day. Those who are interested in the Boulder Illuminating Oil company are greatly pleased at the news that the well is now pumping and at the prospect of the good production.

Very little has been said of the Boulder field of late but the work of drilling into the shale has continued steadily and new producers are added every day. The field is now producing something like 400 barrels a day, not including the new well referred to above. Those who are interested in the field feel that there is more reason for investing in Boulder oil now than first discovered there.

## NEW MINE COMMISSIONER

### POPULAR IN THIS CITY

Governor-elect Peabody's appointment of Mr. Lyman White as mine commissioner of mines seems to be meeting with general approval in mining circles in this city. There was a considerable sentiment here in favor of the appointment of Mr. White in the office, regardless of political party, for the valuable work Mr. Lee has performed in the office. The very gentlemen who held this view, however, speak of him as a man who is a good man for the position. He has had a considerable backing in Colorado Springs from the time it was known he was a candidate for the position, and those who are naturally pleased that he should receive the appointment. Mr. White is one of the best-known residents of Victor. He is a son of Frank White of Leadville and in Colorado mining circles is well known. He is said to have located the famous Mollie Gibson ore shoot at Aspen and given directions for its working. E. L. White was the organizer of the Victor and Central mine and was in charge until it was sold to the Rio Grande sampler some years ago. Since then he has been manager of the Standard tunnel and remained in charge of that until the mine was sold to the Victor and Central mine. He is a practical, business-like administrator to his office. He is an experienced mining man and acquainted with his duties.

## ST. PAUL CO. PLANS EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT WORK.

The St. Paul company, operating the recently acquired property of the Allouez-Colorado Central mine, near Leadville, has begun preparations for extensive work. The company has built a one and a half story house, 16x24 feet, to be used as a residence for the mine manager and his family. The house has also been built and fully equipped for immediate use. The tunnel has been cleaned out and a drift along the vein will be immediately extended. A round of work is being done in the vein recently discharged to expose a fresh looking rock, and it resulted in disclosing a body of quartz four feet wide, showing some auriferous galena. The breast is 31½ feet from the entrance, and 250 feet from the surface. Mining men who examined the rock, and who are thoroughly familiar with the Colorado Central mine, are highly pleased with the appearance of the quartz. There is a very general opinion that the St. Paul company will encounter some rich ore in this tunnel, as more depth is attained. Manager Teagarden expects to push operations vigorously throughout the winter.

# CRIPPLE CREEK SUMMARY

The properties of the Lexington Gold Mining company on Gold hill, which have been inactive for some time, are again being operated by lessees. The main workings on the Clara D. have been leased to Potvin & Co., who are now commencing work on the ore. They expect to begin shipping shortly. Sam McDonald, superintendent of the Strong and El Paso Mines, has leased the old Kirk block on the south end of the Clara D., and is getting ready to install machinery and work the claim. The Jeff Davis of the same company has been leased to Barbee & Shidell, who are now prospecting with a small force.

The apex suit between the Sedan and Spokane companies, which has twice occupied the time of the district court for about six weeks, has been set for rehearing Dec. 15. The parties to the suit have already spent nearly \$50,000 in litigation. The first hearing resulted in a verdict for the Spokane company. In the second trial after the evidence was all in one of the jurors was convicted of contempt of court in soliciting a bribe and is now serving a sentence in the county jail. A mistrial resulted.

The property of the Portland has been denied the story published here to the effect that the eleventh level of the mine was flooded. While admitting that water had been encountered, he stated that the pumping plant could handle it with the greatest of ease. The mine, Mr. Burns reports, was never in such excellent condition as now. The output for the year will exceed 100,000 tons, the average value of which is estimated at \$30 a ton.

A new washer, similar to the one in use on the Gold Coin, is being installed at the Granite, on Battle mountain. This washer is the invention of Mayor Crane of this city. The saving and economy resulting from the use of the washer is being estimated at \$100,000. The attention of the mine managers, and a number of machines are being negotiated for.

It is reported that Scott & Co., who have been prospecting on the Weppa on Little Bull mountain, south of the city, have opened up a vein of pay ore. No details are obtainable.

The El Paso Consolidated mine on the richest ore that is being shipped in this district. The quantity of ore in the El Paso mine is being estimated at \$100,000. The mine has been troubled with a big flow of water, it is being controlled and there is an immense showing above the 400-foot level. No attempt will be made at present to try to get below this point, but the company is making an arrangement with other mining corporations on Beacon and Raven hills for the driving of a tunnel to take care of the water proportion.

The ore which is now being shipped from the Cripple Creek district is of higher grade than for months past. The best showing is probably on the American Eagles on Bull hill, where a wide body of medium grade ore has been drifted on for a distance of several miles. The ore is being shipped in Poverty gulch, the stream of high grade which is averaging in carload lots about \$75 a ton is nearly two feet wide. The rock shows sylvanite in abundance.

An important strike has been made on the north end of the Zenobia on Bull hill. The ore is being shipped in ton Cripple Creek Mining & Development company. Only a week or two ago the directors had practically decided to close the mine, but Manager Rice, who had implicit confidence in the property, returned for two cars of ore sent out the first of the week from the Abe Lincoln in Poverty gulch, also owned by the Stratton estate, gave values of \$69.50 a ton. This property is now more than paid for.

The Colorado Leasing, Mining & Milling company, operating on the Dexter, on Bull hill, received returns from a car shipment showing a settlement at the rate of \$63 a ton. The ore came from the 300-foot level.

Edward B. B. mine is again to the front with another sensational discovery which eclipses a former find if the story in circulation is correct. It is reported that in the 1,000-foot level a two-foot vein of heavily stained fluorapatite has been discovered. The ore is of this rock show free gold in abundance and assays have been had as high as \$10,000 to the ton. The management admits that a big discovery has been made, but declares that there is no reason to give out for publication at present. It was this property that gray copper was found some months ago and has led to the publication of a theory of a secondary enrichment in the Cripple Creek district which promises to lead to much discussion among mining engineers.

The Gold Coin sampler at Goldfield has been leased for a term of years by Rice & Temple, who will convert it into a cyanide mill. Improvements will be commenced at once. The mill will open at the rate of 50 tons a day, to be increased later to 100 tons.

A two-ton shipment was sent out Thursday from the south end of the Delmonico, which is operated under lease by the Rocky Mountain Leasing company. The ore is estimated to be worth \$60 a ton, with a few sacks which will run better than 10 times this value.

The Valley City company sent out four cars of mill ore this week, consisting of 100 tons of ore. The following shipments were sent out by lessees on the Victorator estate this week: Paul Lanette, from shaft No. 2, 20 tons of \$40 ore; the Banner lease on block No. 7, a car of \$60 screenings; and the Wilson, from block No. 1, cars of \$40 ore.

Potvin & Mitterer made their initial shipment from the main workings on the Clara D. Friday. They have saved about 20 tons from the old stamps that the estate is estimated to be worth \$60 a ton.

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The Valley City Gold Mining company, operating on the Shurtloff No. 2, under a \$150,000 bond and lease, has not yet paid for the property, although a few weeks ago the manager stated that the money would be paid within a few days, as the showing in the vein was so good that it would not continue paying royalties to John Nolan of this city and Jake Becker of Manitou, the owners. At the bottom, or 600-foot level, a drift has been extended for over 100 feet and the vein is showing well. There has been a producer for the last five or six years, but the best showing is in the bottom level. The manager of the property said that after a settlement which is to be made for a four-carload shipment, the mine will be sold to the owners, Mr. Becker and Becker would be paid their money.

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The Rocky Mountain Leasing company, operating on the south end of the Delmonico, on Bull hill, is now shipping at the rate of 20 tons a day of ore that will average \$35 a ton.

All the samplers in this locality are crowded with ore and it looks as though the output would be larger this month than in any month of the year.

The La Montagne Mining & Leasing company, operating on block 8 of school section 15, is sending out steady shipments of medium grade ore. At the 450-foot level a drift has been extended about sixty feet on the vein. It carries over 200 tons of pay rock. The Enterprise Gold Mining company, operating on the townsite of Cripple Creek, has a good showing at a depth of 135 feet. At this depth a vein has been encountered, and the vein is estimated to be worth \$240 to better than \$100 per ton. Superintendent Hanley believes that an ore shoot will be found on the vein when drifts are extended.

A small force of miners are employed on the Loderbury in proving up the apex of the vein which is in controversy between the Wild Horse, owned by the United Mines company, and the Loderbury. The suit will be called at the next term of court.

The district court has secured in the district court for the third apex suit of the Sunshine vs. the Sedan. The usual production of from 60 to 80 tons a day is being made from the Mary McKinley. The greater portion of the ore is being shipped to the Mary McKinley, where an ore body varying in width from 30 to 72 feet in width has been opened up for a distance of over 600 feet. The average grade is about \$35 a ton.

As an up-raise of the 1,000-foot level on the Granite assays are being obtained running as high as \$540 to the ton.

The directors of the United Mines and Gold Coin companies declared their final dividend for the year Monday. The dividend for the United Mines company is at the usual rate of one cent a share, amounting to \$40,000. This dividend will make the total for the year \$393,333, which includes the sum paid to the United Mines company for the El Paso Consolidated mine. The United Mines will head the list of dividend-payers of Cripple Creek district this year. The amount paid by the Gold Coin is also one cent a share, amounting to \$250,000.

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The Penn Mining company is making very good headway on the Dewey and Sedgewick claims, which adjoin the Old Bug in the Empire section. Manager F. A. Roeper has opened a ten inch streak of first class ore in the Sedgewick, in which a cross vein will doubtless be encountered within the next fifty feet. The Dewey has not yet been developed, but is expected to be ahead of the present breast. The Dewey is being developed under contract. The Dewey and Sedgewick are in an excellent locality. Manager Roeper is an experienced and progressive mining man, who has secured the confidence of our best metallurgists that science will soon devise a system which will extract all the values in the Empire ores. Manager Roeper believes that the use of electricity will solve many of the problems of the district in the world can secure electricity any cheaper than Empire, as our mountain streams are already furnishing a vast water power for electrical plants.

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The Penn Mining company is making very good headway on the Dewey and Sedgewick claims, which adjoin the Old Bug in the Empire section. Manager F. A. Roeper has opened a ten inch streak of first class ore in the Sedgewick, in which a cross vein will doubtless be encountered within the next fifty feet. The Dewey has not yet been developed, but is expected to be ahead of the present breast. The Dewey is being developed under contract. The Dewey and Sedgewick are in an excellent locality. Manager Roeper is an experienced and progressive mining man, who has secured the confidence of our best metallurgists that science will soon devise a system which will extract all the values in the Empire ores. Manager Roeper believes that the use of electricity will solve many of the problems of the district in the world can secure electricity any cheaper than Empire, as our mountain streams are already furnishing a vast water power for electrical plants.

Local development of the Centennial mine, where the 600 foot level is exposing very large bodies of gold-copper ores in the drift now approaching the territory of the Georgetown Gold Mining & Development company. The Centennial mine, through the ground of the Georgetown Gold Mining company and our most experienced mining men are positive that the future operations of this company will result in big values. The extension of the Centennial zone.

Managers of the Free Coinage company announced tonight that a dividend of \$20,000 has been declared by his company. This is a close corporation and has paid in dividends this year \$40,000.

The Findley company is now cutting a station at the 450-foot level, preparatory to prospecting the territory at that depth. For some months the work has been confined almost exclusively to developing the ore output for that reason has been light.

A lease was granted Monday from surface to the depth of the Ophelia tunnel on the south end of the Ironmaster vein to Sam W. Vidler. This ground adjoining the Ironmaster vein and known as the extension of the vein, which has made the last named property famous. The lessee is reported to have strong backing, and under the conditions of the lease will start to sink immediately a two-compartment shaft, to be placed as designated by the company's surveyor.

Michael B. Burke, who has secured a bond and lease of the Henry Adney block, on the northwest slope of Beacon hill, advised a contract for a shaft to be sunk in the ore shaft. The shaft is to be sunk to the level and then crosscuts will be run to the north extension of the C. K. and N. vein, which has been opened up on the Raal-Greif and associates. Mr. Burke, who is one of the old-time prospectors of the district, is confident that the north extension of this shoot will be found richer and wider than further down the hill.

Delaney Wilson, leasing on the north end of the Theresa, has now drifted about 60 feet on from three to four feet of ore that is running in carload lots about \$30 a ton. The coarse rock does not carry much value and about the only thing that is being made is from the screenings.

Alex Hickman, leasing on the south end of the Sheriff on Raven hill, started saving ore Monday morning. At a depth of 26



















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### PERMANENT COLORADO BUILDING AT ST. LOUIS.

Denver, Dec. 20.—Captain Thatcher of the World's fair board received the following telegram today: "Ground and building committee has received draft of ordinance prepared by mayor to incorporate permanent buildings on Forest park and request no objection on the part of the committee. David R. Francis."

For some time negotiations have been pending with the city of St. Louis for the erection of a permanent building upon the Colorado site. The Colorado building was erected by a permanent committee which the city of St. Louis would keep in repair. The committee as prepared by the mayor has this provision in it and the report that there is no objection indicates that such a building will be erected with the understanding that it be kept in repair by the city.

The World's fair board held a short session today during which a short business was transacted, and adjourned until Saturday next week. The magnitude of the St. Louis exposition will be much greater than the most of the previous ones. The following statement as prepared by the board in charge of the exposition will give some idea as to what it will be.

"The St. Louis World's fair will be approximately twice as big as any former international exposition. The Centennial exposition at Philadelphia occupied 225 acres, the Paris exposition 336 acres, the Columbian exposition at Chicago 633, the Panamerican exposition at Buffalo 350 acres and the St. Louis World's fair will cover 1,400.

"The construction costs of the Paris exposition was \$9,000,000, the Columbian exposition \$15,842,000, the Panamerican exposition \$10,000,000 and the estimated cost of the St. Louis World's fair will be \$40,000,000.

"Before the exposition gates are opened May 1, 1903, the city of St. Louis will have expended the enormous sum of \$20,000,000. Of this amount \$5,000,000 was appropriated through the municipal assembly. Her citizens have contributed \$10,000,000 by private subscription and by popular vote at a special election October 22."

**REDUCTION COMPANY.**—Among the articles of incorporation filed with the secretary of state today were papers for the Colorado Reduction Company at Cripple Creek. The company is incorporated for \$250,000. The incorporators are Fred J. Hutchinson of Boston, J. C. Bunch of Chicago, H. H. Fugeneran, F. J. Alexander and R. H. Fadden.

**LOST IN STORM.**—A report from Saugache states that Rev. E. O. Butler, pastor of the Baptist church of that town, became lost during yesterday's storm and that up to noon today no news had been received from any of the church parties who were searching for him. His home lost while he was on a hunting trip.

**LAS ANIMAS RETURNS.**—The state board of canvassers held a short session this afternoon and adjourned. It is thought that the corrected returns from Las Animas county will have been received by Monday, when the board will complete its work.

**GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE.**—Governor-elect Peabody has leased the residence of the late Chas. B. Whitehead at 1218 Grand avenue, and is preparing to bring his family to Denver on Monday. The residence which he has chosen is one of the finest on Capitol hill.

**INVITATION TO PRESIDENT.**—Mayor Wright today sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt: "Denver, Colo., Dec. 20, 1902. To His Excellency President Roosevelt, Washington, D. C. On behalf of the city of Denver I cordially invite you to visit this city when on your contemplated trip to the Pacific coast the coming summer."

**LIVELY SESSION OF  
CANVASSING BOARD.**—Denver, Dec. 22.—The state canvassing board today refused to reconsider the vote whereby Aguilar, the Democratic representative from Las Animas county was seated, but no action was taken on the San Juan contest. In voting to reconsider the Las Animas vote, Attorney General Post voted with Orman and Chipley against reconsideration.

As the house now stands it will contain 33 Republicans, 31 Democrats and there is one in doubt, the democratic candidate, Chas. B. Whitehead. That this contest is to be the battle ground before the board was evidenced today by the fact that both sides introduced many affidavits to prove the correctness of their claims. The original affidavits of the two returns from the Las Animas county were returned to the county clerks for correction last week were again received by the board today. They contain the same figures as the ones previously received but the wording of them is changed to conform with the law.

The Democrats have prepared a long list of affidavits which were presented by Attorneys O'Donnell and Bedford, while the Republicans were equally represented with affidavits presented by Attorney Hersey, B. W. Lockhart, the county clerk, who came to the election, and Cooper, the Republican contestant, was present at the meeting and will be allowed to testify tomorrow. The affidavits presented today are entirely opposite in their declarations concerning the vote in precinct nine of San Juan county. The most interesting affidavits presented were two which were signed by B. W. Hodges and S. E. Morse of Silverton, which declared that they overheard W. B. Watson make the statement that the returns from the precinct nine were thrown out and that the returns were changed because that was all they cared for. Watson was one of the members of the county canvassing board who voted to throw out the returns from this precinct.

When the board met, Attorney General Post called up Las Animas county vote. The motion to reconsider was lost. Post voting no, with Orman and Chipley. The San Juan matter was then taken up and this occupied the attention of the board during discussion of the afternoon.

After further admission of testimony but after it was learned that both sides had affidavits and that Mrs. Lockhart, the county clerk, was present and wished to testify orally, the board decided to admit by the county clerk the returns as signed by the county clerk and then those as signed by the two other members of the canvassing board. Attorney Hersey objected to the grounds "the second returns on the grounds that they were not to be admitted to this objection. The attention of the board was then directed to the two abstracts of votes received, that in the one prepared

by the county clerk, Cooper, the Republican, received 430 and Whitehead, the Democrat 478. In the one prepared by the other two members of the board, Whitehead received 457 and Cooper 422, the latter one arising because that in counted on the precinct which was not fraud. The several affidavits were given today to show the correctness of each report. Aside from the charges number of the persons in this precinct were not legally registered, the poll book not showing that they were voted for.

The first affidavit was to the effect that the returns from precinct number nine were not counted by the board but next day and that neither of the other members of the board were present when the insertions were made. The second affidavit of the two justices of the peace stated that they refused to count the votes of precinct number nine on election night. The third affidavit declared that not more than 10 or 200 persons registered were duly checked for. Other affidavits stated that Mrs. Lockhart refused to show the papers which she had in her office concerning the election. Mr. Hersey introduced affidavits to prove that no person voted in precinct number nine who was not registered and that the election was strictly legal and if there were any who were not voted for it was a clerical error. He introduced numerous affidavits from the citizens of precinct number nine and other precincts of the county to the effect that they knew the persons registered and secured the votes of the precinct. He stated if they had known they were not voted for they would have vouched for them themselves. Mr. Hersey also introduced a certified copy of the poll book of that precinct to show that the people voted at the election and that it was to the effect that no person voted or offered to vote that was not a legal voter. He also introduced the affidavits of E. W. Hodges and S. E. Morse mentioned above. Mr. Hersey also produced original papers which the affidavits of the Democrats stated the county clerk would not produce at her office last week. During the afternoon a number of interesting conversations occurred. At one time O'Donnell referred to the board of judges and being a Republican judge to which Mills said, "If he had been a Democrat you could have gotten anything you wanted."

To which O'Donnell replied, "Oh, I don't know. That is not my expertise. I am a Democrat and I am not the reply. 'Nor nine either at the last state convention.'"

The meetings of the board are attended by large crowds, the rooms being filled to suffocation at each meeting. At 5:15 the board adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, when further evidence and legal arguments will be presented.

**SENATOR TELLER THINKS  
COMPLICATIONS POSSIBLE.**

In an interview given out in an afternoon paper Senator Teller refers to the Venezuelan dispute as likely to lead to further complications. He says: "The troubles might be settled by arbitration, but I fear they are only in their inception. To begin with, it is very likely that the matter has been subjects in Venezuela have sustained losses through constant revolutions and those countries had a right to ask for damages, say, even collect them, but they must do it according to international law."

"England and Germany very properly made demands for damages, and when they were refused they properly seized a number of Venezuelan ships. These actions were in accordance with the law of nations, but when the two European powers began sinking the ships and blockading Venezuelan ports they virtually declared war."

"Under the international code the proper method for England and Germany to collect the damages would have been to select a custom house at any port and collect revenues on articles going into the country under the laws of that country, and appropriate the same."

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dollars was paid in cash and \$2,000 is to be paid to his relatives when he dies. When 2 years of age he was attacked with brain fever and his head grew to an abnormal size until he was 16 years old. It now measures 32 inches in circumference. There is something unusual in the medical world and the college was very anxious to secure the specimen. Jennings operates a peanut stand in that city.

**FOUND HIS JEWELRY.**—A very peculiar coincidence occurred in this city this morning. S. N. Weinberger, ruler a jewelry store in Idaho Springs, but at present he is visiting in Denver. He received a telephone message from Idaho Springs this morning, telling him that his store had been robbed of considerable jewelry. Thinking that he would cover his property he visited the pawn shop on Larimer street. When he entered Solomon's pawn shop he saw a man trying to sell some of the jewelry which he recognized as his own. After some trouble the man was arrested. He gave his name as J. Herbert of Idaho Springs. He stated that he found the jewelry.

**BOARD WANTING FOR  
SAN JUAN RETURNS.**—Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—The state canvassing board held a short session today and adjourned without doing any work. The board is awaiting the return of the corrected abstracts of San Juan county. The attorney-general Post emphatically denies the rumor that he has been told him that his son George could retain his present position in the attorney-general's office if the two justices are seated from the contested districts. He also resents any insinuations that such rumor is anything to do with his motion of yesterday to reconsider the vote which seated Aguilar. He spoke of the matter very emphatically and stated that his every act as a member of the board was with the view of doing justice to both parties.

**IMMENSE SHIPMENT.**—The largest freight consignment which was ever shipped to Denver at one time will begin arriving here today. It will consist of between 600 and 1,000 carloads of barbed wire, wire nails, and other wire and steel goods. The consignment is being shipped by the American Steel and Wire company of New Jersey into Denver by the new freight rates now prevailing. A present of the 22 cents per 100 pounds and after the first of the year it will be 72 cents per 100 pounds. By making this shipment at this time the company saves about \$400,000. The company has a large warehouse at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Blake streets, where the goods will be stored. The western territory will be supplied from this city. It will take 24 trains to unload the consignment and carry it away to Denver. The value of the shipment will far exceed \$1,000,000.

**APPEALED CASE.**—The Iron Silver Mining company this morning appealed its case from the Arapahoe county circuit court to the supreme court. The case is to compel Secretary of State Mills to accept a renewal of the company's charter. Mills contends that the charter expired in 1900 and that the time limitation for renewal has expired and that the company is not entitled to incorporate. The Arapahoe district court sustained Mills and the case was appealed today. The company was given a 24-years' corporation in 1880. The claim of the company is that the time limitation has expired and that the company is not entitled to incorporate.

**EARLY BLIZZARD.**—A late report from Buena Vista, Colo., says: "A blizzard is raging in the Arapahoe valley today and tonight on the Gunnison branch of the Colorado & Southern railroad is at a standstill. Train No. 93 from Como is tied up at St. Elmo. The rotary snow plow has been ordered out to clear the entrance to the tunnel. The snow is about two feet deep on the level in the valley. Zero weather prevails."

**GALLUP WILL CONTEST.**—The hearing of the contest over the will of Chas. B. Gallup, opened before Judge Johnson this morning. The contestants are Ida Church Foster, Mary Church Culbertson, Frank Church, Lizzie Blossom Stewart and Eddie Blossom. The beneficiaries under the will are Sarah Ann Culbertson and C. C. Curtis. Mrs. Gallup died about year ago leaving an estate of \$100,000. She named the two contestants as the sole heirs. The contestants are grand-nephews and grand-nieces. They reside in New York and Ohio.

**SURRENDERED.**—A report to the Times from Las Animas says: "Cherokee Bill Smith, leader of the gang of outlaws who held up the postoffice at Carlton in Provers county several weeks ago, has surrendered and was brought to this place this afternoon. He had been hiding near there for the past week. He surrendered without any trouble. He will be taken to Lamar immediately."

**SHOOTING AT COMO.**—A fatal shooting affray occurred at Como at 1:15 this morning. George Richard Lechner shot and instantly killed William Hayden. The latter is known as "Billy the Kid." The two were attending a dance and a quarrel was started because Hayden did not give a chair which he was occupying to the young lady friend of Lechner. This brought on a dispute which later led to blows and Lechner was whipped. He left the hall and in a few minutes returned with a Winchester rifle and began shooting at Hayden. All four shots took effect. Hayden fell dead. Lechner gave himself up. The shooting caused great excitement at Como. Both men were well known.

**DIED FROM INJURIES.**—Robert Flynn of Farmington, was run over by a heavy freight wagon last night and received injuries from which he died a few hours later. He was thrown from the driver's seat while crossing a bridge. He was 17 years old.

**FOR SPEAKER.**—Charles E. Stubbs is out for the position of speaker of the next house of representatives providing the Democrats secure a majority of that body. It is stated that Mr. Stubbs was elected upon for speaker of the house of the Democratic representatives which was held in Denver two weeks ago, but the matter was not made public.

**BOARD ONCE MORE  
POSTPONES DECISION.**—Denver, Dec. 23.—The state canvassing board devoted its entire session today to the hearing of affidavits and arguments of local counsel in the San Juan election case and after night came adjourned without having settled the matter. Members of the board announced, however, that it is thought the case will be settled tomorrow.

**TELLERS POOR.**—The county clerk of Telluride county, Colo., reports that that county with the secretary of state today. The report shows the following expenses for the past year: Various expenses, \$6,141.12; county hospital expenses, \$1,474.43; Seven Keeley cures, \$37. Total, \$11,132.57.

**READING CLERK.**—Lem J. Smith, who last Saturday cleared his connection from the St. Louis World's fair office, today announced himself as a candidate for reading clerk of the senate. Mr. Smith occupied this position during the regular and extra sessions of the thirteenth assembly.

**TO ABOLISH OFFICES.**—An order by General Manager Schlacks of the Colorado Midland announces that the freight and passenger service of the Grand Junction will be abolished January 1. The office has been in charge of General Agent Peck. The business hereafter will be handled by the D. and R. G. The abolition of this office follows that of the Midland at Aspen and the Grand Junction is done for reasons of economy. The Midland is owned jointly by the Denver and Rio Grande and the Colorado and Southern. Other offices, it is said, from and to the west will be maintained. From New Castle both the Rio Grande and Midland use the tracks of the Junction railway, a separate corporation, but used by both roads.

**GAME LAW.**—In a decision this afternoon Justice of the Peace Hynes declared that the Colorado game law is unconstitutional. The decision was made in the case of C. Artell vs. Deputy Game Warden Bush. Bush had arrested Artell and a deer sent to Denver to be mounted and Attorney Burdick raised the point that the confiscation was in conflict with that clause of the constitution which says that no man's property shall be taken without due process of law. Justice Hynes sustained this point.

**YALE ALUMNI.**—Prof. William L. Phelps of Yale university delivered the annual address before the Yale alumni of the Denver at their banquet at the Hotel Delmonico last night. The banquet was attended by about 80 of the old Yale students. Professor Phelps will spend Christmas at the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Phelps of Colorado Springs, and will visit Cripple Creek on Friday. In speaking of the university and its advancement Prof. Phelps said, "Yale is breaking away from a policy of conservatism and the last year, been more modern than ever, and the election of Rev. Dr. C. E. Johnson of New York as a trustee of Yale university is the most marked step ever taken in the direction of a broader policy. The old Yale tradition, which has been the basis of the board should be Congressional clergyman of Connecticut has been broken by the election of Dr. Johnson. As a result of this a large number of the alumni have protested, but I believe that it is a splendid thing. Another marked advance is the introduction of dormitories in connection with the Sheffield Scientific school. The biennial buildings are nearing completion and form practically a link between the old and the new Yale."

**INAUGURATION.**—The inauguration of Governor-elect Peabody on January 13 will eclipse any other inauguration ever held in the state. There will be a two days program, during which justification meetings, parades, inaugural ceremonies, receptions and banquets will be held together as to make it one continuous performance. The complete program has not been decided upon nor the hours fixed for the various events, but these will be arranged in ten days. The principal justification meeting will be held on the night of January 12 and will be addressed by Governor Peabody and many other prominent Republicans. A parade of the city will be composed of the Republican clubs of the state, the Canon City, Governor Peabody's home will send an entire trainload to the inaugural ceremony.

**MILLER'S ASSISTANTS.**—A report from Durango states that Attorney General Miller has announced the appointment of J. B. Melville of Durango as second assistant in his office and also that of Miss Anna Ramsey as stenographer. Mr. Melville is a well-known attorney of that section of the state and has been chairman of the Republican county central committee. Miss Ramsey is a graduate of the Durango High school and of the State university at Boulder.

**LOST BOG ROLL.**—Fred Whitner lost \$2,000 on the streets of Denver yesterday. He was carrying the money in his pocket and was going to a real estate office to see a house which he had bought. When he arrived at the office he discovered that the money was missing from his pocket. He has the opinion that in pulling something out from his pocket the roll of money dropped to the street.

**GIFT TO THE POOR.**—The Charitable organization of this city yesterday received a check for \$1,000 signed by L. C. Phillips. The money to be used as a Christmas gift to the poor of this city. Mr. Phillips is one of the wealthiest men in the city.

prohibition to restrain the court of Fremont county from enforcing or attempting to enforce any of the decrees or orders of the court until further orders of the supreme court. They also asked that upon final hearing the court shall annul and set aside each of the orders and judgments complained of and shall order the lower court to sustain each of the motions for change of venue and place of trial. This is the case in which the municipal league of this city is attempting to prevent the raising of rates by the Denver Gas and Electric company. The case has been on in the Fremont county courts.

**CASE AGAINST LIGHT CO.**—The attempt to hold up their hands while the robbers secured \$14.70 from the cash drawer. There is no clew.

**CRIPPLE CREEK  
ADDRESSED TEACHERS.  
OF THE DISTRICT.**—Cripple Creek, Dec. 19.—President Slocum of Colorado college spent the day in the district as the guest of Mr. Slocum, superintendent of schools. The professor addressed the teachers of the different schools in the assembly room of the High school building in Victor this afternoon, making quite a forcible talk to the teachers about their duty to the children, schools and their superiors. About 120 of the teachers attended this address, after which the professor entertained a number of them at a dinner at the Baltimore hotel in Victor. This evening he spoke to the different mothers clubs of this city in the High school building taking as his subjects "Mothers' Work in Schools of Great Britain" and "Co-operation Between Mothers and Teachers." President Slocum told how the schools of Great Britain are conducted, laying particular stress on the schools in the slums of London and what a help the mothers meetings had been in those quarters. He told of his travels in Europe, saying that he nearly every point he had visited he looked into the question of what the mothers were doing in regard to the schools and children. His lecture was appreciated by the large crowds present at both of the meetings and as many of the people were leaving said, it was just what was wanted in this city and district very much, a closer relation between mothers and teachers.

**BOYS ARRESTED.**—Two boys aged about 14 years, who gave their names as Charles Nichols and James Monahan were arrested by Sheriff Robertson and temporarily lodged in the city jail. They are charged with the theft of a rifle. Several other boys were implicated whose names could not be learned. Young Monahan entered a disclaimer and says he only went on a hunt with Nichols, not knowing that the rifle carried was stolen. They were arrested near the city dam which is some seven or eight miles from this city.

**ELECTED OFFICERS.**—Cripple Creek No. 6, United Moderns, held their annual election last night, with the following result: Chancellor, R. L. Miller; regent, C. W. Knox; recording secretary, Mrs. J. M. Jones; orator, Mrs. Carrie Horn; trustees, E. D. Miner, Wm. Harris and W. G. Walley.

**CORONER'S BONDS.**—Jas. Doran, the newly appointed county coroner, who resides at L. G. Caldwell, filed with the county clerk and recorder, bonds in the amount of \$2,000. His sureties are J. B. Cunningham, W. J. Connelly and E. H. Newlan, all of Victor.

**BROTHER DEAD.**—Mr. J. P. Polcy, of this city, yesterday received a telegram notifying her of the death of her brother at Buffalo, N. Y. Deceased was the first assistant to General Passenger Agent Kelley of the Wabash railroad. Mrs. Polcy immediately left for New York to attend the funeral.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**—Benjamin W. Coleman, public trustee, disposed of a part of the Quito property at sheriff's sale yesterday. The sale was made to satisfy certain claims against the company.

**SECURED JUDGMENT.**—In the district court today A. E. Carlton secured a judgment against Fred G. Grube for a sum of \$15,079.50; defendant failing to appear, judgment was given by default. Mr. Carlton represented the Colorado Trading and Transfer company, claiming this sum to be due from Mr. Grube for a five-eighths interest in the Keith-Grube Transfer company, which interest was sold to defendant, also for wares and merchandise furnished them.

**DIVORCES.**—Divorces were granted today to Mrs. H. D. Hurlburt from E. M. Hurlburt and Mrs. E. Rogers from E. M. Rogers, both on the charge of desertion.

**SHERIFF ROBERTSON AND  
THE GLEASON CASE.**—Cripple Creek, Dec. 21.—The report sent out from Denver last Friday to the effect that a certain woman residing at Bull hill was an eye witness to the murder of Martin Gleason and had made an affidavit that she saw the tragedy, has caused considerable talk in the district the last day or two. The report also had that Sheriff Robertson of the confession made by James Robertson now serving a term in the Wyoming penitentiary.

Sheriff Robertson said, "I know something about the murder, and perhaps a great deal, but I am not making any arrests and spoiling everything. I have been working hard on this case and have evidence that will surprise many people when it is sprung. It was not one man nor two who killed Gleason. I will say that much, but things will develop in a very short time as at the present time there is only one thing missing and I expect that any day now. When I do make arrests I will not arrest one innocent person and there will be plenty of evidence to convict the ones whom I charge with the murder."

"Is a prominent Cripple Creek man connected with the murder?" "I can't answer that question," replied the sheriff.

"Do any of the parties whom you have under suspicion live in this district?" "No replied, 'Well perhaps they do.' Continued the sheriff, 'If those detectives knew so much about the case, why did not they arrest the murderers and get the reward?' They are doing a whole lot of talking and it is a mystery where they have secured their information."

"I have put in many a night in getting this information and I intend to keep it to myself until the proper time, as I am after a conviction of the murderers, so can't do much talking on the case." When asked what he

thought of the statement made by Detective LaFors, he replied, "That story was a pipe dream and was wrong from start to finish. In the Denver detective's story it went on to say that Gleason had been killed with a dump hook. That is untrue. I will tell you this much. Martin Gleason was not killed with a dump hook. I am positive he was shot and the testimony later on will conclusively prove it."

**STUCK BY A TRAIN.**—J. A. Nuckles, an old prospector about 40 years of age and single, was crossing the tracks about 2:30 this afternoon in front of a freight train that at the time was backing up near the city. Just as he had reached the far side of the track his right foot slipped backward, throwing him to the ground. The car wheels passed over his heel smashing it frightfully and also breaking his leg in two places. The ambulance was immediately called and conveyed the injured man to the Sisters' hospital, where, after an examination, it was believed that the leg would have to be amputated. Nuckles has resided in this city for some time, but nothing is known of any of his relatives.

**MAY GO TO PUEBLO.**—It is rumored that H. E. Woods of the Woods Investment Co., will move to Pueblo in the near future. Yesterday one of the local transfer companies hauled several loads of office furniture and a piano for Mr. Woods, which was destined for Pueblo.

**FUNERAL.**—The remains of J. W. Holt arrived yesterday from Pueblo and were viewed by many during the day and evening at the Thompson undertaking rooms. Today at 2 p. m. the funeral occurred, services being held at the Baptist church by the Rev. J. H. Franklin. Interment was made at Mt. Pisgah cemetery.

**BURIED AT MT. PISGAH.**—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Connelly who died at the family residence, 442 West Eaton avenue yesterday, was buried this afternoon from the undertaking rooms of Bell & Gezell. Interment was made at Mt. Pisgah cemetery.

**FISCAL YEAR.**—Gustav Krause, the expert accountant, was in conference with the mayor and a number of the aldermen today and urged that the beginning of the fiscal year for the city be changed from April 2 to January 1. No action was taken but a meeting of all the aldermen, together with the clerk and treasurer will be held sometime this week and further consideration given to the matter.

**MISSING HUSBAND FOUND.**—About the 15th of last month Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson came to Pueblo from Colorado Springs. They took up their abode at 1519 Eaton avenue, as the building in which they expected to conduct a rooming house was not ready for occupancy. They stored the balance of their furniture which was purchased for 20 rooms and on December 9 Mrs. Wilson went to Missouri on a visit to relatives. She received one letter from her husband soon after arriving there but only the one, and finally becoming uneasy she telegraphed to the Western Union office here with a request for a reply. The messenger boy found the Wilson house deserted. This information was wired to Mrs. Wilson, who started home immediately, arriving here last Saturday. She went at once to the home which she found in the condition stated by the telegram. She then asked the aid of the police department to help her to find her husband. Not until today could any tidings be obtained of him, but this morning he was found in a rooming house where he had been very sick and not able to communicate with his wife.

**MEAT TRUST DIES HARD.**—At a meeting of the Meat Traders union last night the men employed by the firms who had broken the combine were ordered to quit work. The two firms have been employing 13 cutters and these not only refused to desert their employers, but a number of new men who were offered positions by these men on account of the greatly increased trade, also went to work for them. These houses pay the highest union wages to their men and offer to get still further and reduce the hours. Tomorrow night the trades assembly will meet and an effort will be made to induce that organization to declare a general boycott on the independent houses. A vigorous fight will be made against the proposition, and as many union men endorse the action of the independent houses so long as they continue to pay union wages it is doubtful if the boycott proposition will carry in the assembly. Meanwhile the average family is saving from 10 to 30 cents per day on their meat bill and the houses who have broken the combine are getting all the meat they want of the very best quality.

**SUDDEN DEATH.**—Alois Solinaker a carpenter 35 years of age, was stricken with apoplexy at 1 o'clock this afternoon while working on a building on Eleventh street and died in a few minutes.

**TALKED TOO MUCH.**—Edward Hudson, a negro who was a witness for

the defense in the Clara Humphrey murder case, made a remark while in the hallway of the court house which was thought to have a tendency to influence the minds of other witnesses. The language was also so vile as to be unprintable. A colored deputy sheriff heard the remark and the district attorney filed information against him at once and he will be tried for contempt of court. His bond was fixed at \$500.

**LAWRENCE SENTENCED.**—William Lawrence who was taken for safety to the Colorado Springs jail after shooting and killing Harry Goldstein has been found guilty of voluntary manslaughter by the jury and given a sentence of from seven to eight years in the penitentiary. Ramon Cisneros who was twice tried and found guilty of incest was sentenced to from 10 to 20 years. Wm. Halasro, found guilty of burglary was sentenced for a term of from one to two years.

**ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.**—About 3 o'clock this morning H. Carlson, an employee of the Iron City Manufacturing works shot himself accidentally and is almost beyond human aid in St. Mary's hospital. His statement made soon after the shooting is to the effect that he was stooping over to mend the fire under the boiler and reached round to his hip pocket to remove a revolver which fell from his hand to the floor and was discharged. The bullet entered Carlson's right side and lodged in his back.

**AMATEUR PRESS CLUB.**—Arrangements are being made by a number of young men and women of a literary turn to organize an amateur press club. It is to be an auxiliary of the United Amateur Press association of the United States.

**KANSAS COLONY.**—About a dozen men from Kansas appeared at the land office this morning and filed on homesteads near the city. They stated that quite a colony from Kansas was to soon follow them for the same purpose.

**MORAN SENTENCED.**—Jack Moran who assaulted Street Car Conductor Burris while on a car about two months ago, cutting him seriously with a knife, was today sentenced by Judge Voorhees to six months in the county jail.

**NEW CHURCH.**—Last night at a meeting of the Congregationalists, about 81 in number, it was decided to build a church in the new suburb known as Minneka. A committee was appointed to select a site and make other necessary arrangements.

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN PUEBLO.**—Pueblo, Dec. 22.—Mayor Brown, at the council meeting tonight announced that he had removed City Weighing Master Sol Smith and had appointed in his stead J. A. McConnell. The vote on the confirmation of the new appointment was a tie, four voting each way, but the clerk called the mayor's name and he voted in the affirmative. A resolution was introduced by President Flynn of the council providing for the removal from office of J. C. Hunter, the consulting engineer on the ground that the city did not need his services which for the past nine months has been costing \$3000 per month. The resolution was voted on and carried by a vote of 5 to 3. Alderman Vance voting against it on the ground that the city would soon need Mr. Hunter's services in the construction of stone sewers.

**SLASHED WITH RAZOR.**—Last night Sanders Brown, a day laborer, C. F. & T. office building was dangerously cut about the head by Washington Jones, a drug store porter of Bessemer. The cutting took place at the home of Sanders Brown, who lived on Box Elder street. Brown had been almost slashed to threads. The trouble occurred over disparaging remarks said to have been made by Jones about Brown's wife. The woman told her husband of the stories and he went after Brown and found him in the act of shaving himself with a razor. Jones struck Brown and he turned and used his razor on his assailant. The injured man is likely to die.

**PURSUED A BURGLAR.**—A burglar tried to get into the house of M. M. Fridy on Plum street at an early hour this morning. The man of the house took a shot at the intruder and then followed him nine blocks down town, but finally lost sight of him.

**EXPECTS ACQUITTAL.**—W. H. Bailey, who shot and killed Wilson in a duel at Bessemer a few months ago and who is to be tried on the charge of murder and dueling, on January 5, visited his home in Bessemer today and looked over the scenes of the crime in company with the deputy sheriff. He seemed quite cheerful and hopeful of being discharged.

**SENT FOR BROTHER.**—Joseph S. Whitefield, who was arrested in New York city several days ago on a charge of being insane, but who was in fact in an epileptic fit, is a brother of Mrs. Joseph Harris of Pueblo. The lady states that prior to the panic of 1899 her brother was one of the largest importers of dress goods in the United States, who had sent word to the chief of police of New York, requesting him to send her brother here.



# ALL THE NEWS FROM ALL THE WORLD

## LOCAL

Friday, Dec. 19.  
Antonio di Giacomo has filed suit in the district court against the Ajax Brick and Tile company for \$20,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by the collapse of a clay bank on the Columbia school building.

School board has formally accepted improvements on the Columbia school building.

It is reported that L. H. Harding is to be the successor of Grant Pauley as city ticket agent of the Colorado Midland.

Saturday, Dec. 20.  
Motion for a new trial in the case of Edward Gleason vs. the Colorado Springs Rapid Transit company was filed in the district court yesterday.

General meeting of the Woman's club will be held this afternoon.

Another Mt. Rosa company suit was filed yesterday in the United States district court in Denver.

First annual ball of the Gentlemen's Driving club was held at the Antlers last night.

Police Tourist agency has decided to leave the Colorado field next season and it is believed that the agency will be replaced by a large summer tourist travel.

Mass meeting of the citizens of Fountain and the farmers of the Fountain valley will be held at Fountain tonight to discuss the question of an irrigation reservoir.

Sunday, Dec. 21.  
Plant of the Manitou Electric company is being dismantled and removed to Denver.

According to a report emanating from Oshkosh, Wis., Harry Stratton, who is to be married on Wednesday to Miss Josephine Larrabee of Oshkosh.

Arthur C. Dutcher of this city has been selected by Governor-elect Peabody as warden of the state reformatory at Buena Vista.

Concert is to be given on Christmas night at the Union Printers home.

Oliver Bainbridge, M. A., Oxford, arrived in the city yesterday; his specialty is seeing the world.

Hearing of the motion for a new trial in the case of John A. Scott vs. the Denver and Rio Grande Railway company will probably come up in the district court Monday.

General meeting of the Woman's club yesterday afternoon was a most successful musical; plans for children's day next Saturday were announced.

Finance committee of the city council has completed an investigation of the affairs of the city treasurer's office and it is understood that their report will be favorable; misunderstanding appears to have arisen concerning Mr. Harris' connection with the investigation.

Monday, Dec. 22.  
Actions of youths on street corners may lead to the formation of a hickory club for the suppression of moshers.

Word has been received of the marriage of Dr. Francis P. Adams and Miss Elizabeth Taylor, both of Peyton, Colorado.

Rock Island is now entirely free from the trouble caused by the recent severe storm in the eastern part of the state. Associated hardships has hung up its stockings and hopes to be remembered on Christmas.

Owing to misunderstanding in regard to the time for mass meeting at Fountain to discuss the reservoir question, the meeting was postponed until sometime during the present week.

William Atkins, mining editor of the Cripple Creek Times, was in the city yesterday; he states that from a mining standpoint the district never looked better, fully 20 new or better workings have been opened up during the course of the year.

J. W. Swett of Pittsburg has just returned to this city from a visit to the South Park oil fields and is enthusiastic over the outlook there.

Tuesday, Dec. 23.  
Word has reached the city of the death of California of Rev. Ira G. Sprague, mayor of Colorado Springs in 1891-92.

Merchants' Christmas day business report an excellent Christmas day.

Over 500 teachers of the state are in attendance at the association meeting in this city.

Edward Gleason was granted a new trial in his case against the Rapid Transit company.

Cold weather has stopped the laying of stone on the new city hall, but stone cutting is proceeding as usual.

Wednesday, December 24.  
False alarm of fire in the First National bank building called the fire department to the corner of Pike's Peak avenue and Tejon street during the height of the crush on the streets yesterday afternoon.

Controversy between Slim Jim and Caledonia companies is to be settled by compromise.

Deputy Sheriff Larabee will today go to Folsom, Cal., to receive a reward of \$100 for the capture of a man wanted to serve a warrant on a ranchman who has been charged with murder of Goldstein in the hands of the jury.

Business at the express offices is reported to be larger than ever before known.

A number of the pupils at the Deaf and Blind Institute will leave for their homes today; others will spend the vacation at the school and plenty of Christmas entertainment has been planned.

The "King of Tramps" will give a chalk talk in the auditorium of the First Christian church next Tuesday night for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A.

Report of the county auditor shows city treasurer's account to be absolutely correct and is accompanied by a report made by the bonding company which highly compliments the treasurer's methods.

Change in the county administration in accordance with the result of the election last November, takes place at midnight January 12.

## STATE

Friday, Dec. 19.  
Motion to reconsider the Las Animas county contest, was introduced at the meeting of the state board of canvassers yesterday and was still pending when adjournment was taken.

New York capitalists have purchased 25 acres in Minnesota addition to Pueblo as a site for a large factory for the manufacture of railway switches and frogs.

Case of William Lawrence, the Pueblo negro charged with murder of Goldstein, is in the hands of the jury.

Pueblo hardware dealers will meet tonight to take preliminary steps for formation of a state association.

Manager of the State Preparatory football team, has received a telegram from Chicago saying the Hyde Park-Colo. Prep game had been definitely arranged to be played in Denver on New Year day.

Grading contracts on the new Moffat road were let yesterday which call for cash payments amounting to \$2,000,000; contractors will begin work within ten days and will furnish steady employment for 4,000 men for several months.

Saturday, Dec. 20.  
Annual convention of State Retail Grocers and Butchers association is to be held in Denver January 7 and 8.

Smuggler-Union company has begun

preparations for resuming work on its property at Telluride.

An early blizzard at the Alpine pass has tied up the Gunnison branch of the Colorado and Southern.

Cherokee Bill Smith, charged with being leader of the gang which robbed the postoffice at Carlton in Prowers county several weeks ago, has surrendered.

George H. Lechner shot and instantly killed William Hayden at Como, where both men are well known.

State canvassing board is awaiting return of corrected abstracts of San Juan county.

American Steel and Wire company of New Jersey has begun the shipment of Denver a shipment of between 600 and 1,000 carloads of wire and steel goods valued at \$1,000,000.

Iron Silver Mining company has appealed its case, to compel the secretary of state to issue a new charter of the company.

Victors' water supply is again short owing to seepage from the bottom of the new reservoir.

Pueblo Hardware Merchants association last evening appointed committees who will send out invitations to the hardware men of Colorado, several hundred in number, to form a state association.

Sunday, Dec. 21.  
Telegram from St. Louis indicates that if a permanent building is erected on the Colorado site at the Exposition grounds the city will keep it in repair.

Frank R. Wood, Republican senator-elect from the twenty-fifth district, has filed to contest papers filed by W. G. Hines.

Among articles of incorporation filed with the secretary of state were papers for the Colorado Reduction company of Cripple Creek.

Coroner's jury at Como declared that killing of William Hayden by George Lechner was felonious.

Rev. E. O. Butler, pastor of the Baptist church at Saguache, was lost during his storm while out hunting.

State board of canvassers expects correct returns from Las Animas county on Monday.

Governor-elect Peabody has leased the residence of the late Charles B. Whitehead at 228 Grand avenue, Denver.

May Wright of Denver has invited President Roosevelt to visit the Colorado capital when on his trip to the Pacific coast next summer.

Pueblo steel works pay day distributed \$200,000.

Mayor Brown's request that a grand jury be called to investigate Pueblo city affairs has caused large amount of interest there.

A malleable iron foundry and a large coal storage plant are among Pueblo's latest acquisitions.

Monday, Dec. 22.  
Senator Henry M. Teller arrived in Denver yesterday from Washington to spend the Christmas holidays.

Carl Keller and wife of Florence were scalded in a wreck in California in which 16 persons were killed.

Union Pacific and Burlington trains were delayed 24 hours or more by the blizzard that struck the Pacific coast.

"Billy" Rinnan was arrested at Telluride yesterday in connection with riots and Smuggler-Union property last winter.

State canvassing board will meet today and it is expected that its work will be completed.

Denver police have arrested a man who had over \$1,000 worth of books from the public library in his possession; he claims he bought the books.

Christmas business in the Denver postoffice is breaking all records.

Sheriff Robertson of Teller county promises interesting developments in the Glenora case when he declares he expects that recent sensational stories emanating from Denver are wholly unfounded.

J. A. Nuckles, a prospector who has resided in Cripple Creek for some time, was struck by a freight train yesterday and a result will probably lose his right leg.

Independence firemen are making preparations for a grand ball on Christmas night.

Peace committee, charged with the drafting of a plan for settlement of the trouble in labor circles which has resulted in the strike at Pueblo, has succeeded in reaching an agreement; the plan of settlement will be submitted to the two assemblies next Sunday and it is confidently predicted that there will be but one assembly on Christmas day.

The state canvassing board did not reconsider its action in seating the Democratic member of the legislature from Las Animas county, Attorney General Postupalsky made a motion to set aside Saturday's action today. That motion was not regarded as finally disposed of.

A hearing was had in the San Juan county contest but no decision was reached.

Jury in the Sedan-Sunshine apex suit brought in a verdict in favor of the defendant.

Senator Teller, in an interview given out in Denver, expresses the opinion that there is still a possibility of serious complications in connection with the Venezuelan trouble.

Lewis S. Riley of Conejos and Archuleta counties, has announced himself as candidate for speaker of the house, subject to the will of the Republican members of the next legislature.

Commonwealth industrial company which proposes to erect a beet sugar factory at Brighton, was incorporated yesterday.

War famine in Victor is reported as nearly over with the probability that there will be no further trouble.

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House passed bill to reduce duties on products of Philippine islands from 15 per cent of the Dingley rates to 25 per cent of those rates.

Postmaster General Payne was seized with acute indigestion yesterday, but will probably be at his office again today.

Saturday, Dec. 20.  
House passed pure food bill by a vote of 72 to 21.

The house committee on commerce rejected favorably the bill requiring safety appliances for coupling cars.

Representative Stevens of Texas has introduced a bill to open for settlement 350,000 acres of land in the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indian reservations in Oklahoma.

The house committee on banking and currency favorably reported the currency bill introduced by Chairman Fowler.

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It is stated at the war department that General Chaffee will succeed General Young as lieutenant general of the army upon the retirement of General Young, who will succeed General Miles.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt and four of the children will spend Sunday with friends in Virginia.

Congress has adjourned until January 5. Senator Morgan again urges the definite location of the Nicaragua route for the isthmian canal, declaring that otherwise the canal will never be constructed.

Representative Jones (Wash.) introduced a bill to open to settlement the remaining portion of the Covie Indian reservation in the state of Washington, containing about 1,500,000 acres.

## GENERAL

Friday, Dec. 19.  
The constitutionality of the Missouri railroad law for certain lines, recently passed on by the Missouri supreme court, will be tested before the supreme court of the United States on a writ of error sued by John H. Overall for the railroad company.

The terminal station of the Long Island railroad at Long Island City, was destroyed by fire last night. Loss \$60,000.

The bank at Mullins, S. C., was broken open Wednesday night, the safe dynamited and about \$100,000 was stolen.

Russell Sage was at his office yesterday for the first time since he was taken ill two months ago.

General Wager Swayne is dead at his residence in New York of a complication of diseases.

After two days' conference at Pittsburgh the Associated Pottery manufacturers, including 150 firms succeeded in reorganizing the National Association of Operative Potters, giving to the executive committee full administrative powers.

The reported lynching of Scott Bishop, the alleged murderer of Wade Hicks at Marbury, Alabama, is not credited.

Condition of Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, who is ill in New York, is very serious, but at midnight it was announced that he was in no immediate danger.

Arrangements for the funeral of Mrs. Julia Dent Grant include military honors in New York city.

R. C. Whayne, a Louisville business man who was found dead with a gunshot wound in the breast carried life insurance of \$340,000.

Miss Katherine Tingley was a witness in the libel suit against the Los Angeles Times and made specific denial of the allegations against the institution at Point Loma.

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Charles Oley Grawlin, formerly general eastern agent of the Wisconsin Central railroad, has been appointed general manager of the Guatemala Northern railroad, with headquarters at Guatemala City.

The cruise ship Albany left New York's fleet, and her destination is a matter of various rumors.

Statement made before court in Guatemala by W. G. Hunter declares that shooting of William A. Fitzgerald was in self defense.

Congressman John S. Robinson of the Third Nebraska district, is lying seriously ill with appendicitis at his home in Madison, Neb., and it is feared he cannot recover.

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Work of laying the Pacific cable is proceeding so rapidly that it is reasonable to suppose that communication with Honolulu will be had on Christmas day.

The pope has signed the appointments of Archbishop of Quigley of Buffalo, N. Y., as archbishop of New York, and Rev. J. P. Regis Canavin, rector of St. Paul's cathedral of Pittsburgh, Pa., as coadjutor-bishop of Pittsburgh.

At Valley Junction, a suburb of Des Moines, Iowa, a man named Miller, of the Miller's drug store, secured \$1,000 in money and checks. Persons living above the store were not awakened.

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At Bellair, Ohio, a fire starting in a mysterious manner destroyed the whole of the plant of the Enamored Brick and Tile company, the warehouses of Stewart and Good, a flouring mill and four dwelling houses. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Former United States Senator Wright M. Smith of Minnesota died suddenly yesterday in his apartments at the Auditorium Annex, Chicago.

The Michigan sugar manufacturers association at a meeting in Saginaw, adopted resolutions protesting against the reduction of any tariff on Cuba which reduces the present tariff on sugar.

The William R. Trigg ship building company of Richmond, Va., was placed in the hands of a receiver today. The claimant listed against the company aggregate about \$150,000.

General Francis Vinton Greene has been appointed police commissioner of New York in succession to Colonel Partridge, whose resignation takes effect on January 1.

The fire at Bradford, Pennsylvania, mentioned in yesterday morning's Gazette, killed a loss of \$150,000.

The marriage was celebrated in St. Paul, Minn., of Miss Mary Gray, daughter of Justice John Clinton Gray of the New York court of appeals and Robert S. Hitt, second secretary of the United States embassy in Berlin and of the American legation in Paris.

First of December, Neb., supposed to be due to spontaneous combustion, destroyed the Masonic Temple block, causing loss of over \$100,000.

Red Diner Caracas, an American steamer, entered the harbor at La Guayra yesterday, but was only allowed to discharge a portion of her cargo.

Fire in St. Louis, believed to have caused \$50,000 damage, was started by a cigarette in a rooming house.

The Strauss and Slumber Mercantile company and the Gaier and Stroks Millinery company.

State Mining Inspector Martin Jacob estimates mineral production in Idaho for the year 1913: gold, 1,487,232; silver, 45,421,533; lead, 43,035,555.

## FOREIGN

Friday, Dec. 19.  
The undersecretary has approved the German tariff bill in the form in which it passed its third reading in the reichstag.

The Brussels correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph says in a dispatch that the Belgian government has decided to drop the case against M. Rydzewski.

The French authorities have become convinced that the death of Mrs. Ellen Gore was an accident and have decided to drop the case against M. Rydzewski.

War blockade against Venezuelan ports is to become effective on Saturday.

General Nord, having been proclaimed president of the national palace yesterday.

The Dutch cruiser De Ruinor, which it was supposed to send to the West Indies, has been ordered to proceed to Venezuela to protect Dutch interests there.

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Robert M. Haines of Grinnell, president of the Iowa State Bar association, is dead.

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At Bellair, Ohio, a fire starting in a mysterious manner destroyed the whole of the plant of the Enamored Brick and Tile company, the warehouses of Stewart and Good, a flouring mill and four dwelling houses. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Former United States Senator Wright M. Smith of Minnesota died suddenly yesterday in his apartments at the Auditorium Annex, Chicago.

The Michigan sugar manufacturers association at a meeting in Saginaw, adopted resolutions protesting against the reduction of any tariff on Cuba which reduces the present tariff on sugar.

The William R. Trigg ship building company of Richmond, Va., was placed in the hands of a receiver today. The claimant listed against the company aggregate about \$150,000.

General Francis Vinton Greene has been appointed police commissioner of New York in succession to Colonel Partridge, whose resignation takes effect on January 1.

The fire at Bradford, Pennsylvania, mentioned in yesterday morning's Gazette, killed a loss of \$150,000.

The marriage was celebrated in St. Paul, Minn., of Miss Mary Gray, daughter of Justice John Clinton Gray of the New York court of appeals and Robert S. Hitt, second secretary of the United States embassy in Berlin and of the American legation in Paris.

First of December, Neb., supposed to be due to spontaneous combustion, destroyed the Masonic Temple block, causing loss of over \$100,000.

Red Diner Caracas, an American steamer, entered the harbor at La Guayra yesterday, but was only allowed to discharge a portion of her cargo.

Fire in St. Louis, believed to have caused \$50,000 damage, was started by a cigarette in a rooming house.

The Strauss and Slumber Mercantile company and the Gaier and Stroks Millinery company.

State Mining Inspector Martin Jacob estimates mineral production in Idaho for the year 1913: gold, 1,487,232; silver, 45,421,533; lead, 43,035,555.

Monday, Dec. 22.  
The order dismissing the case against Jean De Rydzewski, in whose apartment in Paris, Mrs. Ellen Gore was shot November 16, has been signed.

The Board of State of Mexico to establish branches in Havana, Mexico City, New York and Buenos Ayres.

When Mrs. Humbert and other members of the Humbert family, who became great safe frauds in Paris, were arrested in Madrid Saturday, one of the safe was found to contain \$48,000 in some people living in the same house with them. This package has been sent to the French consul.

Crop failure in Finland is expected to largely increase the immigration in 1914.

Marconi announces that he has established wireless telegraph communication between London, Britain, Canada, and Cornwall.

Much satisfaction is expressed in Italy at the more peaceful turn which the Venezuela situation has taken.

The Russian government has drawn up a comprehensive plan for feeding the people who today are in a state of starvation as a result of crop failure and generally relieving the distress which is widespread throughout ten governments of European Russia and some districts of Siberia.

Signor Prinetti has officially notified Ambassador Meyer of Italy's participation in the blockade of Venezuelan ports.

The London Times confirms the receipt of a message by wireless telegraphy from Marconi at Cape Breton, N. S.

Tuesday, Dec. 23.  
Governor-elect Peabody's appointment of E. Lyman White of Victor to be state commissioner of mines seems to meet with general approval in mining circles in this city.

Actual figures prove the reported value of the Colorado mine at the seventh level of the Doctor-Jack Pot.

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Annual report of the president of the Pima Gold Mining company shows an increase in the company debt, but improved physical condition of the property.

The W. B. Martin Leasing company has been formed in this city to operate in the Granite district.

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A number of stocks are to be dropped from the exchange list because of having fallen below the minimum price.

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Colorado Springs has been enjoying a very good article of winter climate in the past week, and it seems hardly possible that within 30 miles of the city a fierce blizzard is raging. But the storm king is usually very capricious at Colorado Springs. Many storms that visit neighboring states never reach us at all, and whenever we do have bad weather, it is pretty safe to say that it is very much worse elsewhere.

There is another aspect of the Venezuelan affair which is not less interesting but more disgusting to American Germany. was undoubtedly the leader in the demonstration against Venezuela, and her diplomats deserve credit for securing the participation of Great Britain in an affair that might otherwise have appeared much more suspicious to Americans. But the dual alliance, for this matter, has later been increased by the accession of Italy, while Spain, Belgium and the Netherlands have signified that their demands are also to be considered. France, overshadowed by her greatly ally of the north, and satisfied with the decision of her Venezuela claims by a permanent arbitration tribunal, has contented herself with a formal notice that her subsequent claims stand on the same level with those of the other powers.

Senator Teller's prediction of serious trouble over Venezuelan complication is worthy of attention. It is true that his apprehension may prove to be unfounded, but it is undeniably shared by some of the shrewd of American statesmen.

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